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WHO WANT TO KNOW • THE THINGS  
THAT JESUS DID • AND HOW THEY  
SHOULD COME TO HIM IN  
HOLY COMMUNION

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## DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

Here is a little book for you. If anyone asks you what it is all about, just say:

"In this little book:

- 1) I see and learn all about Jesus.
- 2) He teaches me my prayers.
- 3) He helps me with my catechism.
- 4) He prepares me for confession and Holy Communion."

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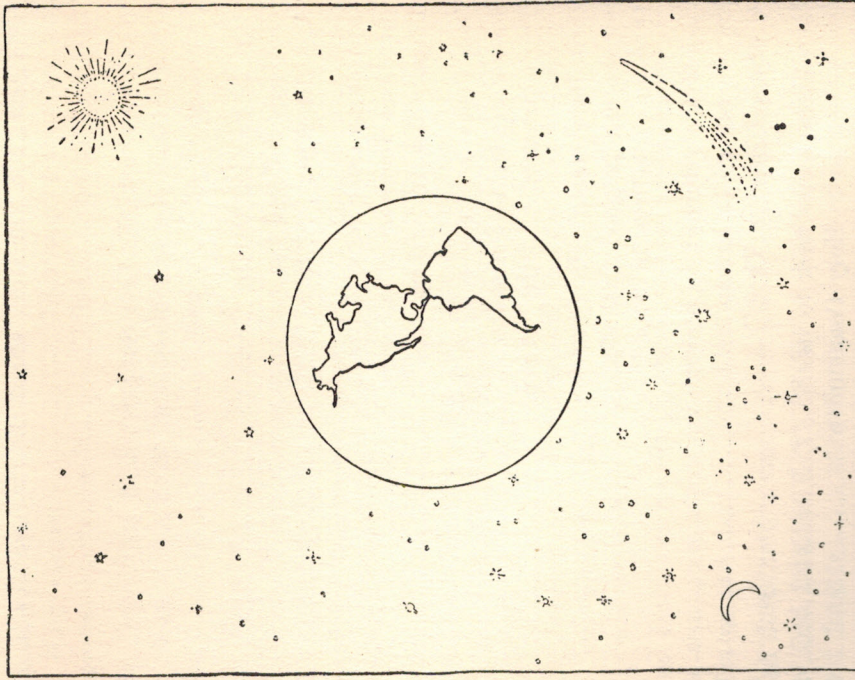
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*"All for Thee."*

Who made all things? Who made the world and all the good things in it? It was Someone just as good as He can be. It was Someone Who loves me. It was God.

God is a spirit. He is just as beautiful and wonderful as He can be. He never had a beginning. He will never have an end. He made all things out of nothing.

God is everywhere. I cannot see Him because He is a spirit. God made all things. God sees all things. God can do all things.

God made me. God sees me.

He knows me. He loves me.

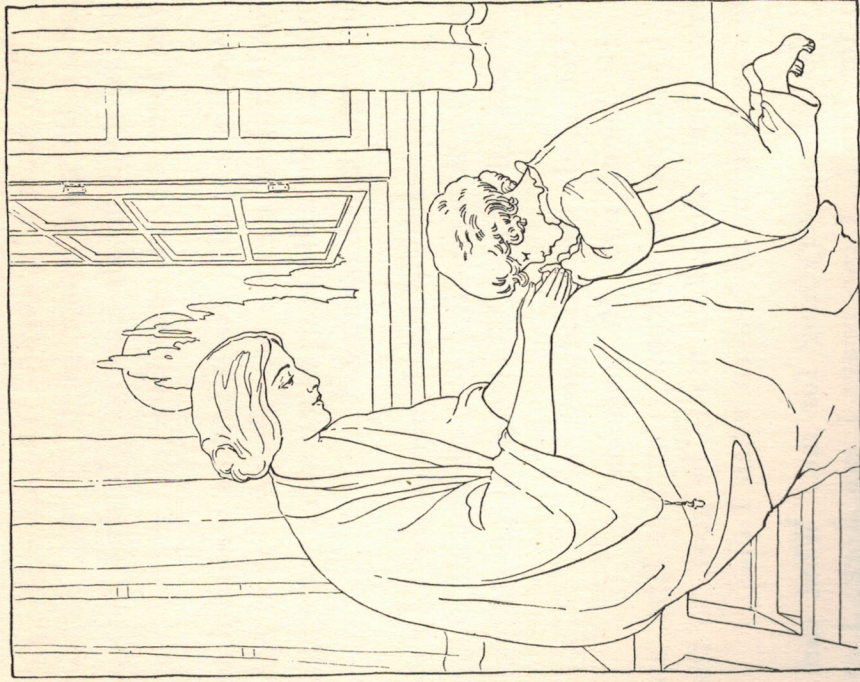
God made me to know Him, love Him, and serve Him. He wants me to be good, so that He can take me to heaven when I die.

God does everything for me. What can I do for Him? I can pray; I can work; I can play. I can do everything for Him.

So before everything I do, I will say with all my heart:

*"All for Thee."*





(Make hands and faces pink; hair, light brown; mother's robe, blue; child's robe, white; curtains, rose color; moon, light yellow; trees, dark green; sky, dark blue.)

*"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."*

There is only one God, but in the one God there are Three Persons:

- 1, God the Father,
- 2, God the Son,
- 3, God the Holy Ghost.

I show that I believe this when I say: "*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*"

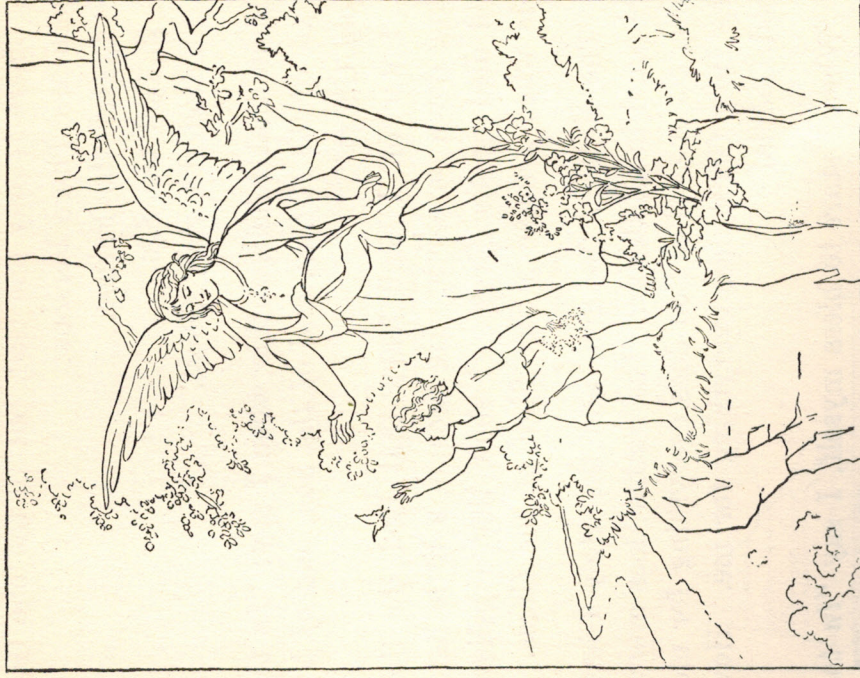
Later on I shall learn that God the Son came down on earth. He became a little baby and died on the Cross. I show that I believe this when I make a nice Sign of the Cross.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are equal in all things. The Father does everything for me. The Son does everything for me. The Holy Ghost does everything for me. How good God is!

When I start to bless myself, I say "*In the name of.*" God sees the sign. He hears the words. He knows that this is another way of telling Him: "I am going to do this for You."

And that is the way I begin to pray.





(Make arms and faces and feet pink; angel's robe, white; child's clothing, light red; flowers, the colors you like; grass and trees, green; sky, blue.)

*"Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom His love commits me here,"*

God made the angels. God made all of them good. He made a most beautiful home for them. It is called heaven. God wanted all of the angels to be in heaven.

Some of the angels did not want to do what God told them. That was a big sin. It made God very sad. He could not let the bad angels into heaven. He had to make a place where they could be punished and kept forever. That place is called hell. The bad angels had to be thrown into hell. The bad angels try to make me sin. "To sin" means not to mind God.

The good angels did what God wanted. That made God very happy. He took them into heaven. The good angels want to keep me good. God gave me a good angel to take care of me. He is called my Guardian Angel. I cannot see my Guardian Angel because angels are spirits. I should love and pray to my Guardian Angel.

*"To whom His love commits me here"* means that God loves me and tells the angel to take care of me here.



God made Adam and Eve. Adam was the first man. Eve was the first woman. They lived in a beautiful garden and were very happy.

God told them not to eat the fruit of one tree. But one of the bad angels, the devil, told Eve not to mind God. Eve did what the devil wanted and so did Adam. That was a big sin. It spoiled everything. They were driven out of that beautiful garden and had to die.

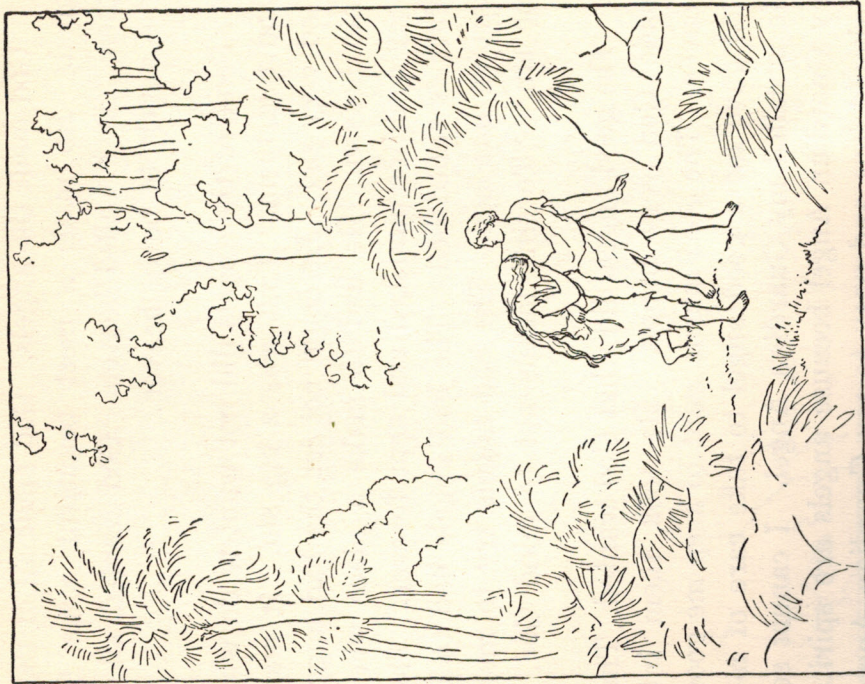
We all have a body and a soul. Because Adam and Eve sinned we have to be born with their sin on our souls. It is called original sin. It closed the gates of heaven, so that no one could get in.

It was all their own fault. Yet God felt sorry for them and for us. He promised to send a Saviour to make up for our sins.

How we wish that Adam and Eve had listened to their Guardian Angels and not to the devil!

I ask my Guardian Angel to help me when I say: "*Ever this day . . .*"

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(Make arms and faces and feet pink; the clothing of Adam and Eve, dark brown; leaves and trees, green; sky, blue.)

*"Ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard, to rule and guide."*

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(Make hands and faces pink; hair, dark; Mary's robe, rose or blue; angel's robe, white or yellow; curtains, green; floor and woodwork, light brown.)

*"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women."*

After the sin of Adam and Eve it was very hard to be good. Many of the people were awfully bad. They had to be punished and punished. But some of the people were good. They prayed for the Saviour to come.

Then the time came to send the Saviour. The Saviour was to be God the Son. He wanted to become a little baby. So God told the Angel Gabriel to go to Nazareth and ask Mary to be His Mother.

When the angel appeared to her, he said, *"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women."*

Mary was always so pure and holy. That is why the angel called her *"full of grace."*

Of all the women of the world, God picked out Mary to be His Mother. That is why the angel said, *"The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women."*

I pray like the angel whenever I say the Hail Mary.



After the Angel returned to heaven, Mary went to see her cousin, Saint Elizabeth.

The Holy Ghost let Saint Elizabeth know that Mary was the Mother of the Saviour. Saint Elizabeth was the first one to say to Mary, "*Blessed is the fruit of thy womb.*"

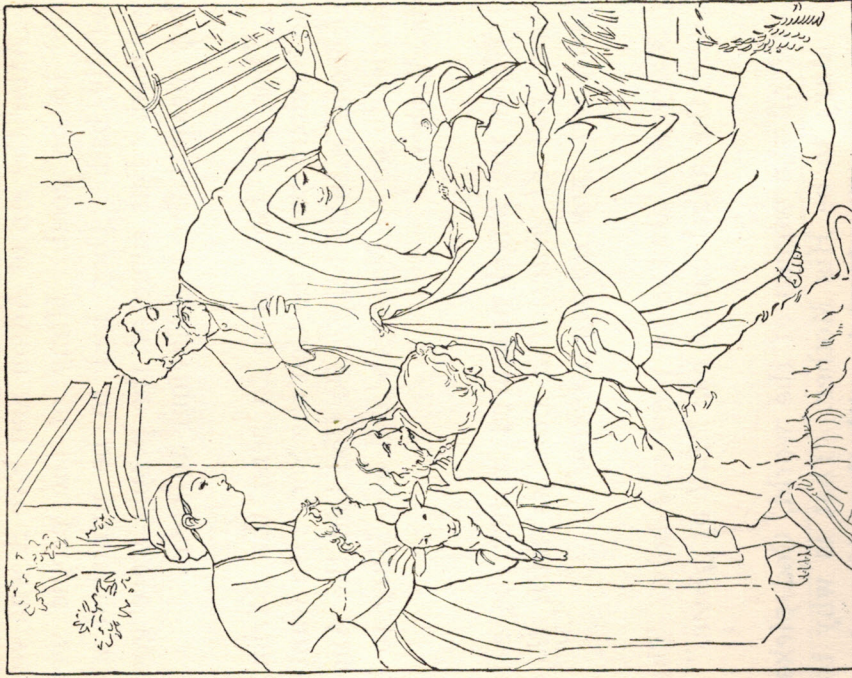
After that Mary and her husband Saint Joseph had to go all the way to Bethlehem. When they got there, they could not find any place to stay. The people in the houses said, "There is no room." So Mary and Joseph had to go into a poor stable.

In that poor stable the Saviour was born. Angels told some shepherds all about it, and they went over to see Him. This was the first Christmas.

The Little Saviour was named Jesus because Jesus means Saviour.

Jesus was a blessed little Baby, and Mary was His Mother. That is why we say, "*And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*"

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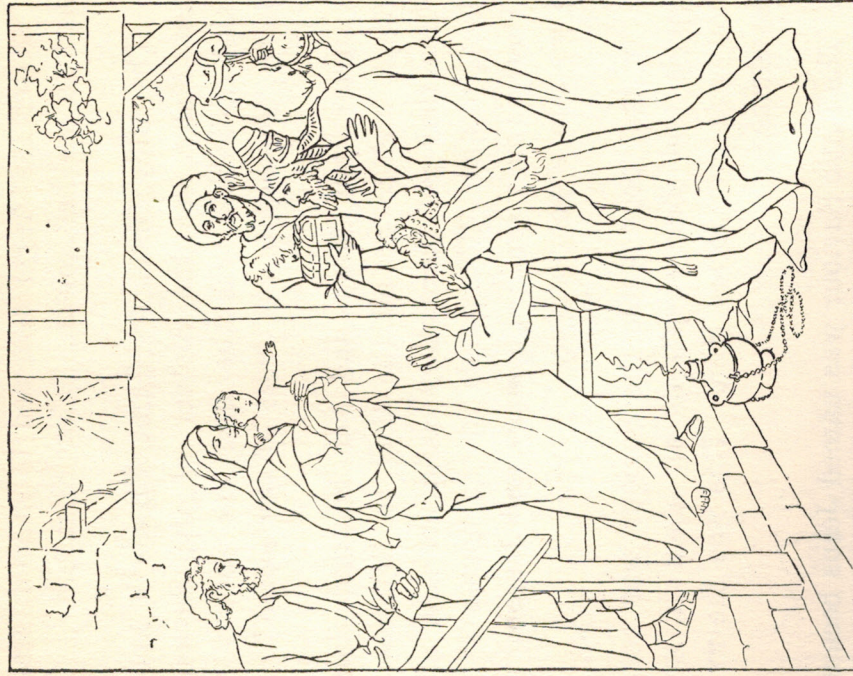


(Make Mary's robe rose color; Joseph's robe, brown; the robes of the shepherds as you like; the little lamb, white; manger and stable, light brown.)

"*And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*"

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(Make walls tan and yellow; Mary's robe, blue; Joseph's robe, brown; the robes of the Three Kings, red and yellow and purple.)

“*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*”

Far, far away Three Kings saw a beautiful star. It seemed to say, “Come, follow me!” The Kings got ready, and the star began to move. It showed them the way to Bethlehem. It stopped right over the place where Jesus was.

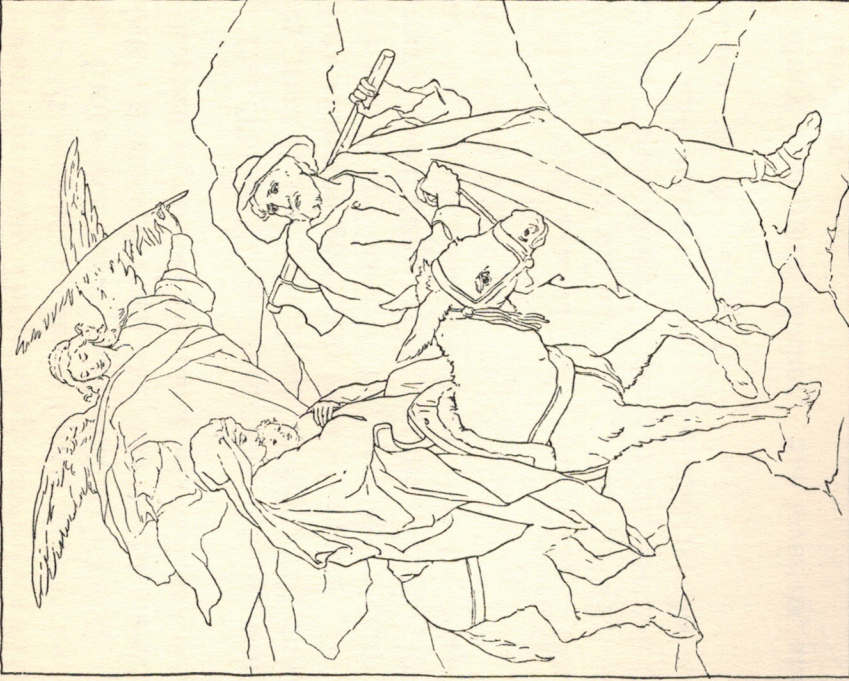
The Three Kings were very happy when they went in and saw Jesus. They knelt down before Him and gave Him beautiful gifts. They were also happy because they saw Mary. Mary always loved Jesus with all her heart. She was very glad when she knew that the Three Kings loved Jesus too.

Mary was always very, very holy. She never had a sin on her soul. That is why we call her “*Holy Mary*.” Mary is the Mother of Jesus, and Jesus is God. And that is why we call her “*Mother of God*.”

Mary is also our Mother. She loves us, and we love her.

Jesus did not have a real father on earth, but Saint Joseph took care of Him just like a father. We love Saint Joseph too. He was always so good to Jesus and Mary.





(Make Mary's robe dark blue; Joseph's robe, dark red; angel's robe, white; branch in hand, green; donkey, brown; hills, green; sky, blue.)

*"Pray for us sinners,"*

There was also a bad king. His name was Herod. He was not like the Three Kings who loved Jesus so much. He wanted to kill Jesus.

But during the night God sent an angel to tell Saint Joseph. He was asleep when the angel came. So the angel said: "Arise, and take the Child and His Mother, and fly into Egypt." Saint Joseph got up right away. Before anyone knew it, he had Jesus and Mary far, far away.

Then King Herod sent his soldiers to Bethlehem. They killed all the baby boys. They thought they had killed Jesus too, but He was safe with Mary and Joseph.

How Mary must have prayed on their way to Egypt! She was so good, she would even pray for King Herod. Surely none of us will ever be as big a sinner as King Herod. But we are all called "*sinners*" because we sometimes do what is wrong. Mary wants us always to be good. She will help us, if we pray to her. She is glad to hear us say: "*Pray for us sinners.*"



Jesus, Mary, and Joseph stayed in Egypt until an angel came and told them that the wicked king was dead. Then they went back to their own little town of Nazareth.

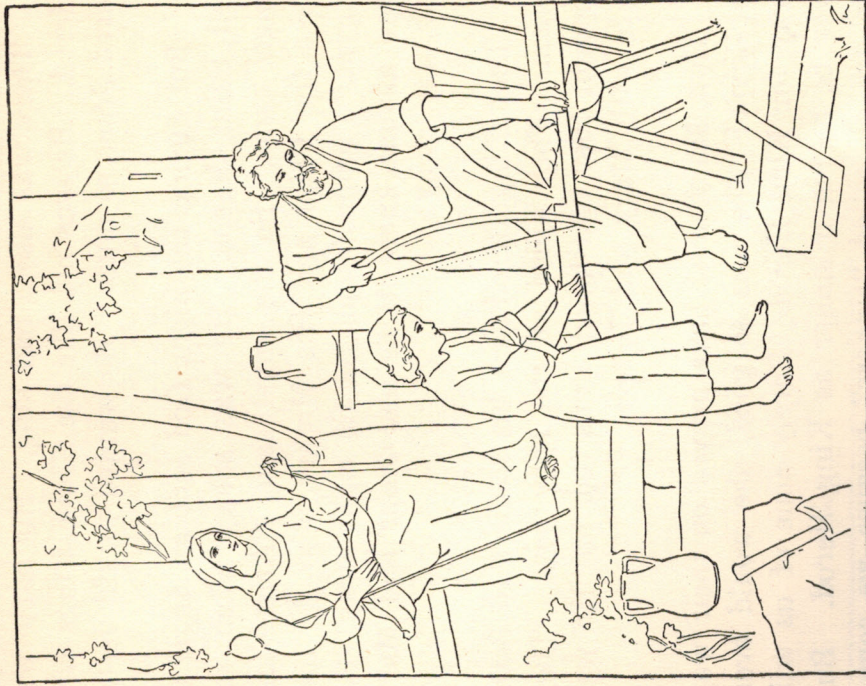
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were poor, and they had to work hard. But their home was very happy because they were so holy. They are called the Holy Family.

Jesus loved Mary and Joseph. He always did what they told Him. He helped them all He could.

Jesus showed us how to be good. He prayed well; He worked well; He played well. So Jesus wants us to do as He did. He wants us to pray well, to work well, to play well.

Mary and Joseph did everything well because they did everything for Jesus. We can do everything well if we do everything for Jesus. When we want to do something for Jesus, we can say: "All for Thee, O Jesus."

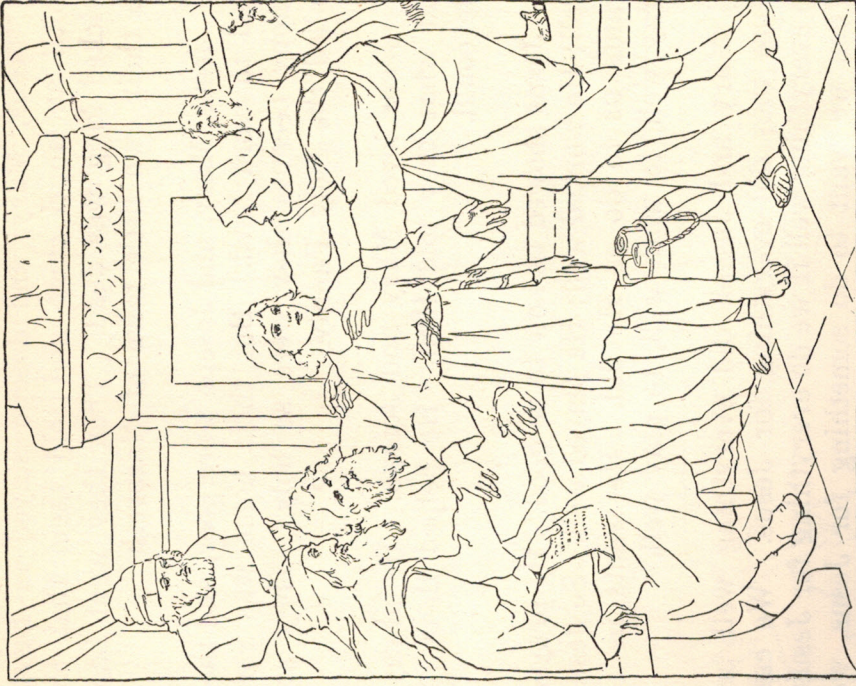
Mary loves to see us do everything for Jesus. She hurries to help us when we pray the Hail Mary and really mean that little word "*now*."



(Make Mary's robe blue; Joseph's robe, brown; his hair and beard, dark; Jesus' garments, white; tools and wood, light brown.)

"Now"





(Make Mary's robe blue; Jesus' robe, white; Joseph's robe, brown; teachers' robes, many colors; beards, gray or black.)

*“And at the hour of our death. Amen.”*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph loved to pray. They prayed every morning. They prayed every night. They whispered little prayers, now and then, all through the day.

When Jesus was twelve years old, they walked many, many miles just to pray in the Temple at Jerusalem. Then Jesus was lost. But Mary and Joseph prayed and prayed until they found Him. They found Him in the Temple, listening to the great teachers and asking them questions. Those teachers would have liked to keep Jesus with them all the time. But when Mary and Joseph asked Jesus to go back home, He went with them right away.

Jesus never got tired of helping Mary and Joseph. He stayed at home until He was about thirty years old.

Saint Joseph died a happy death because Jesus and Mary were with him. Jesus and Mary will also be with us when we die, if we often say with all our heart those last words of the Hail Mary: *“Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”*



When Jesus was about thirty years old, He began to teach the people. Then He picked out twelve men. He wanted them to be with Him all the time. He was going to make them His first priests. They are called His Apostles.

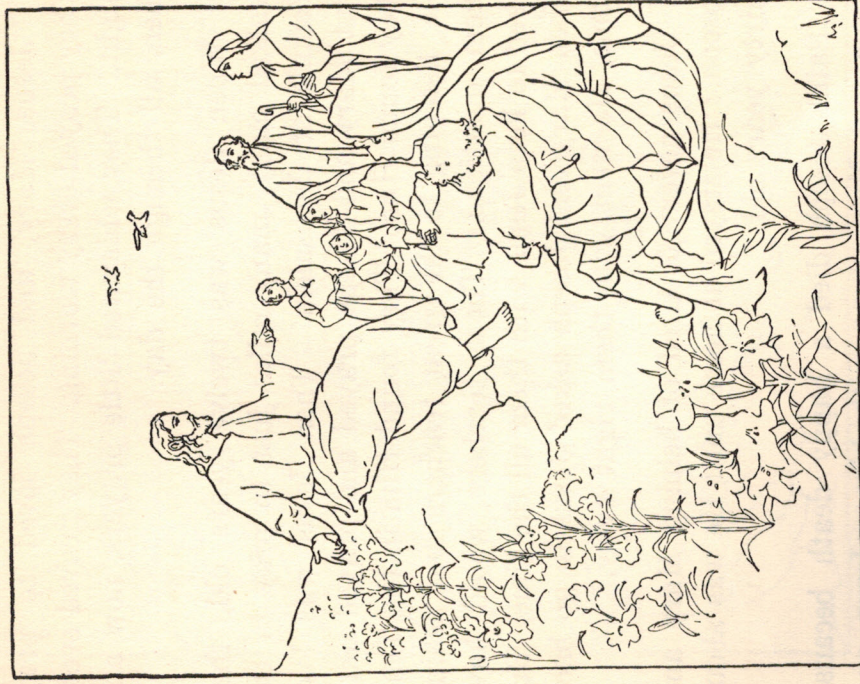
One day the Apostles saw Jesus praying. He prayed so well that they wanted to learn to pray just like He did. So one of them went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus was glad. He told them to pray like this: "*Our Father, Who art in heaven . . .*" And so He went on until He finished the best prayer there is. We now call that prayer "The Our Father."

"*Our Father*," it begins. Jesus wants us to remember that the good God is really the Father of us all. He loves us as His own children!

"*Who art in heaven*" are the next words. They tell us that God lives in heaven. Although God is everywhere, we can see Him only in heaven. Heaven is God's home. It will be our home too, if we are good.

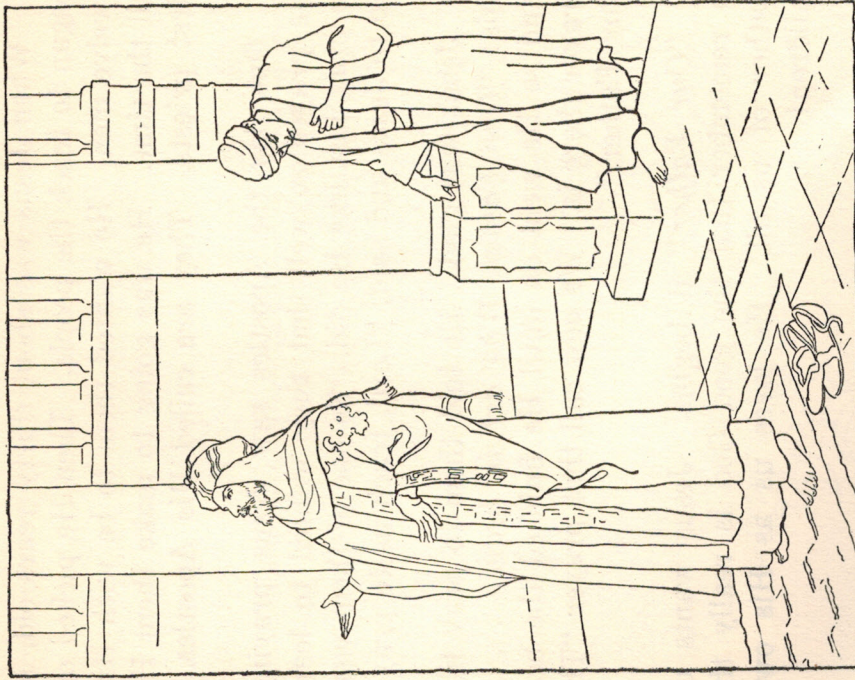
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(Make Jesus' robe white; people's clothing, blue or pink or brown; the flowers, all pretty colors; sky, blue.)

"*Our Father, Who art in heaven*,"





(Make the Pharisee's robe red and gold; the Publican's robe, green; floor and posts, light tan.)

*"Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come!"*

Jesus told a story about two men who went to the Temple to pray. One was called a Pharisee. The other was called a Publican.

The Pharisee was very proud. He was a bad man, but he wanted everyone to think that he was very good. When he prayed, he only wanted to show off before all the people. He did not honor God when he prayed. He just praised himself.

The Publican was not proud at all. When he went to the Temple, he wanted to please God. He did not care what people thought. He bowed his head and struck his breast and said: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus wants us to pray like the Publican and not like the Pharisee. When we pray, we talk to God. When we talk to God, we should think of what we are saying.

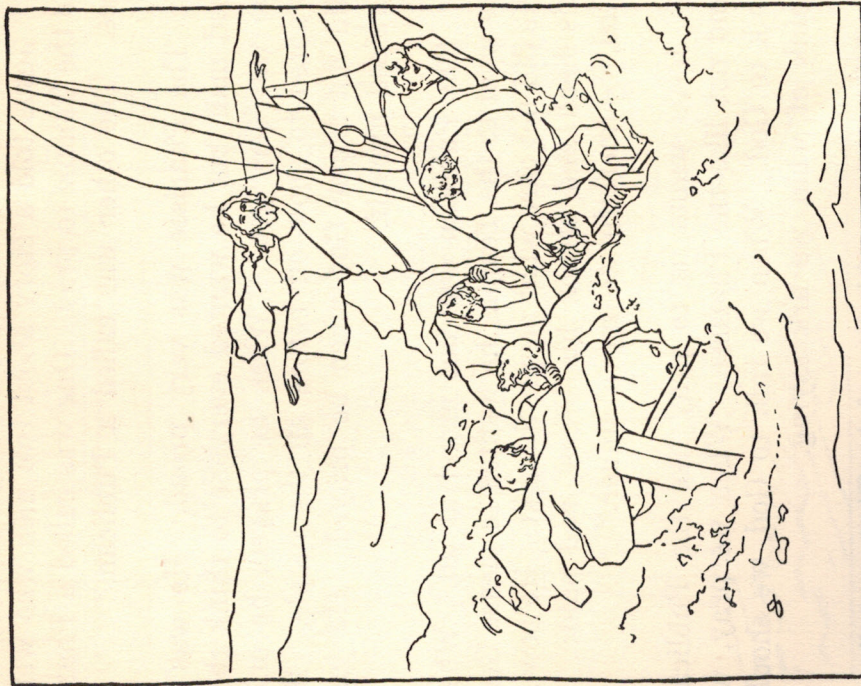
When we say "*hallowed be Thy name*," we wish that God may be honored and loved by all. When we say "*Thy kingdom come*," we pray that God may be our king both here and in heaven.



One day Jesus told the Apostles to cross a lake. He was very tired, and He went to sleep in the back of the boat. But while He slept, a big storm came up. The waves rushed into the little boat, and it began to sink. The Apostles became afraid. They turned to Jesus. They woke Him up and said, "Save us!" Then Jesus stood up. He stretched out His arms and said, "Peace, be still!" And right away the storm was still.

Jesus is God! The storm did the will of God when it obeyed Jesus. The Apostles did the will of God when they tried to cross the lake. We do the will of God when we do what God wants. If we find it hard to do what God wants, we can ask Jesus to help us. Jesus Himself had to do many things that were hard. When they were very, very hard, He said, "*Thy will be done.*"

The angels and saints in heaven always do what God wants, and that is what we should do on earth. That is why we say, "*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"



(Make the sky grey; water, blue with white caps; Jesus' robe, white; garments of the apostles, many colors; boat, brown.)

"*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"



The people loved to listen to Jesus. They sometimes stayed with Him all day long. One day they were in a place where there was nothing to eat. The only one who had brought much food along was a little boy.

One of the Apostles saw this little boy. He said to Jesus: "There is a boy here that has five loaves and two fishes, but what are these among so many?" "Bring them to me," said Jesus.

Then all the people sat down and watched Jesus. Jesus gave thanks. He looked up to heaven. He blessed those five loaves and two fishes, and made them enough to feed more than five thousand people.

The next day Jesus promised to give His own Flesh and Blood to feed the whole world. Jesus can do this because He is God.

When we say, "*Give us this day our daily bread,*" God is willing to give us everything we need for our soul and body. He always gives us more than we ask for.

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(Make the sky and water blue; grass, green; Jesus' robe, white; the garments of the people, many colors.)

"*Give us this day our daily bread,*"

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Jesus told a story about a king who was going to punish a servant. The servant fell down on his knees and begged the king to forgive him. Then the king felt sorry for the servant and forgave him.

Afterwards that servant would not forgive someone else. The king found this out. It made him very angry. He had the servant punished and would not forgive him any more.

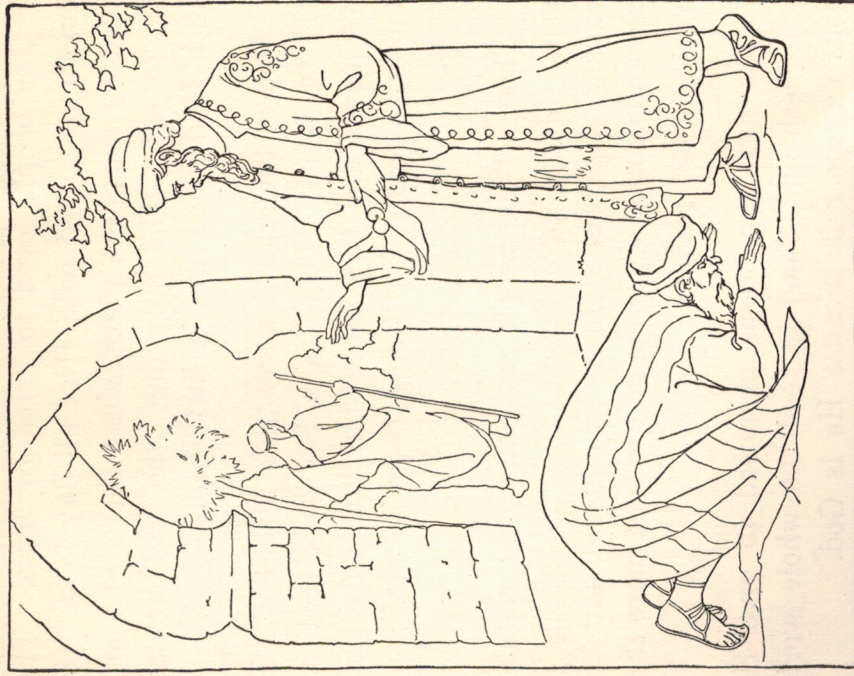
In the same way, God will punish us if we do not forgive others.

When we say "*forgive us our trespasses*," we ask God to forgive us for having been bad to Him.

When we say "*as we forgive those who trespass against us*," we tell God that we forgive those who have been bad to us.

Our sins are "*trespasses*" against God. They hurt Him very much. We should often ask God to forgive them. We do this if we often say the Our Father and mean what we say.

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(Make the robe of the king red and gold; the robe of the bad servant at his feet, green with brown stripes; the robe of the other servant, red; stones, a pretty grey; trees and leaves, green.)

"*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*"

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(Make Jesus' hair dark; His robe, white; the devil's garment, dark red; the ground and hills, brown; sky, blue.)

*"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen."*

Before Jesus began to teach, He stayed in a desert for forty days and forty nights. During all that time He did not eat.

Then the devil came and tempted Him. Jesus would not do anything the devil wanted. So he could not make Jesus sin. Jesus even drove him away. After that angels came to help Jesus.

The devil tempts us when he tries to get us to do what is wrong. It is not a sin to be tempted. As long as we do not do what the devil wants, everything is all right.

If we pray, God will help us.

When we say "*lead us not into temptation,*" we pray that God will not let us sin.

When we say "*deliver us from evil,*" we ask God to keep us from harm.

"*Amen,*" we say at the end of the Our Father. The Our Father is Our Lord's own prayer. It is the best prayer we have.





(Make Jesus' hair and beard brown; His robe, white; Mary Magdalen's hair, black; her dress, blue; robes of men, dark green and dark red.)

*"O my God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins,"*

A woman, named Mary Magdalen, was very sorry for her sins. She knew that her sins hurt Jesus, and she wanted to make up for them. So she found the house where Jesus was taking dinner. She did not care what the other people would think. She just wanted to see Jesus and tell Him how sorry she was.

She went right in. She knelt down before Jesus. She cried so hard that her tears washed His holy feet. To dry them, she used her beautiful hair. Jesus was pleased. He turned to her and said, "Thy sins are forgiven thee."

Mary Magdalen did not have to cry to be sorry, but she was so sorry that she could not help crying.

I am heartily sorry for my sins if I can truly say: "I wish I had not sinned. I would like to take my sins back. I do not want to sin again."

To be "*heartily sorry*" means to be really sorry. To "*offend*" God means to hurt God. To "*detest*" sin means to hate sin. I should hate my sins because they hurt Jesus.

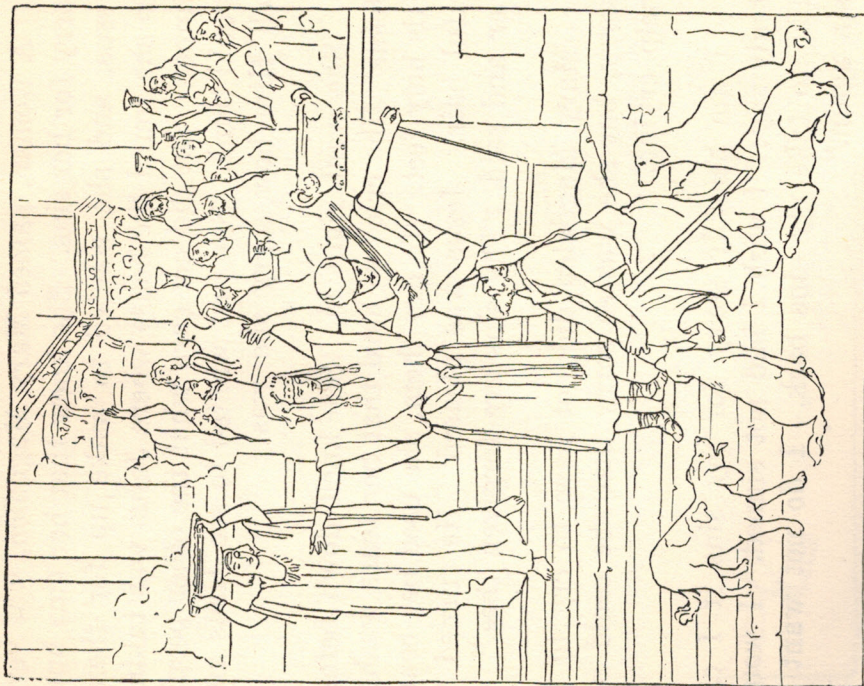


Jesus told a story about a rich man and a beggar. The rich man was very bad. He would not help the poor beggar. When the rich man died he was buried in hell. He had to stay right in the fire, and burn and burn. No one could help him.

Most little children do not have a big sin on their souls. But if we ever have one on our soul, we ought to be afraid. Why? Because if we die before we get it off, we shall be like that rich man. We shall never see God. We shall never see His Mother. We shall never see the angels. We shall have to burn in hell forever and forever.

If we go to hell, it will be our own fault. Jesus came on earth just to help us to go to heaven. It makes Jesus sad to see anyone even go to purgatory. Purgatory is a place where little sins have to be burned off the soul before it can go to heaven.

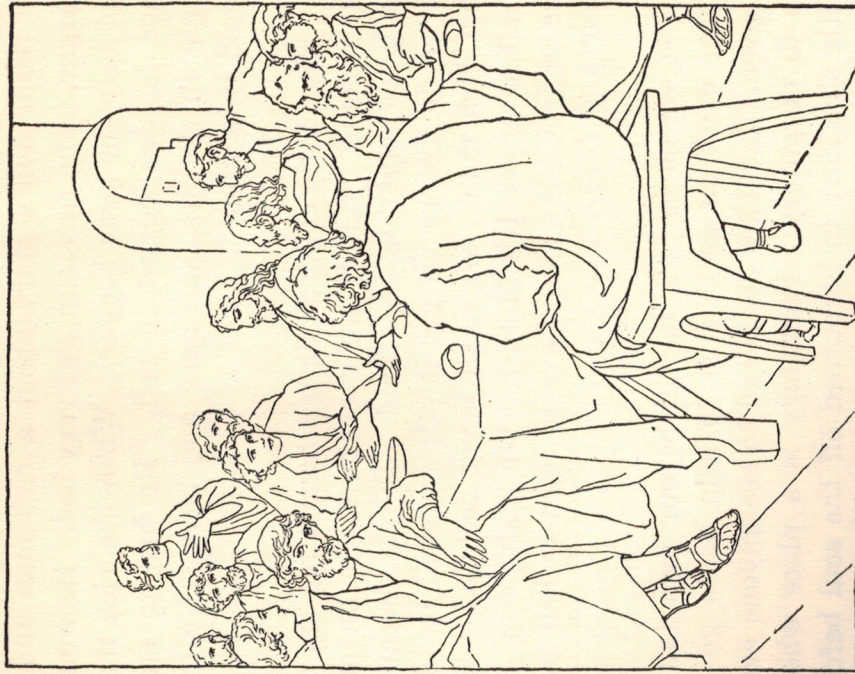
*"Because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell"* means because I am afraid of losing heaven and going to hell.



(Make the robe of the rich man at the table purple; the garment of the beggar, green; the robes of the others, any colors you like; some dogs, all brown; some dogs, with spots; walls, gold color.)

*"Because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell,"*





(Make Jesus' robe white; Judas' robe, dark brown; clothing of the other apostles, any color you like; tablecloth, white; table and floor, wood color.)

*"But most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good,"*

For three years Jesus taught the people and was very good to them. But some bad men wanted to put Him to death. Jesus knew this. So the day before He died He told all the Apostles to take supper with Him.

Judas was one of the Apostles. Jesus knew that Judas was going to sell Him to those bad men. That made Jesus very sad. But Jesus also knew that our sins would help put Him to death. That made Him even more sad.

Yet, how good Jesus was! He wanted to be with us even after our sins would put Him to death. So at the Last Supper, Jesus said the first Mass. He changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood, and gave priests the power to do this too. In this way Jesus comes to live with us even now.

Jesus never gets tired of being good to us. Jesus is just as good as He can be, and our sins hurt Him. That is why we say we are sorry for our sins "*most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good.*"



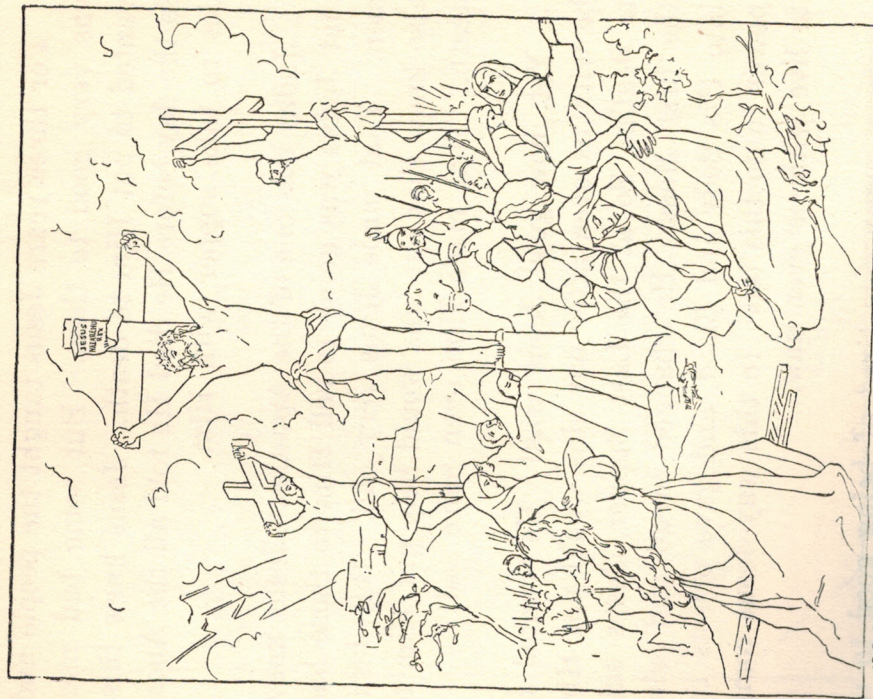
After the Last Supper Jesus went into a garden to pray. He knew that we should be punished for our sins. But He took our place to be punished for us. While He prayed, He saw all our sins. They made Him feel so bad that a sweat of blood came over Him. Then some bad men came and took Jesus away.

The next day was the first Good Friday. They tied Jesus to a post and whipped Him until He could not stand. They fastened a crown of thorns all around His head. They made Him carry a big cross up Mount Calvary. When they got there, they nailed Jesus to that cross and stood it up.

How it must have hurt dear Jesus to hang on that cross for three long hours! How He must have loved us to die for us that way! Has anyone else done so much for us? After Jesus died for our sins, should we not be ashamed to sin again?

Dear Jesus, I am sorry that I have ever sinned. You are so good "*and deserving of all my love.*"

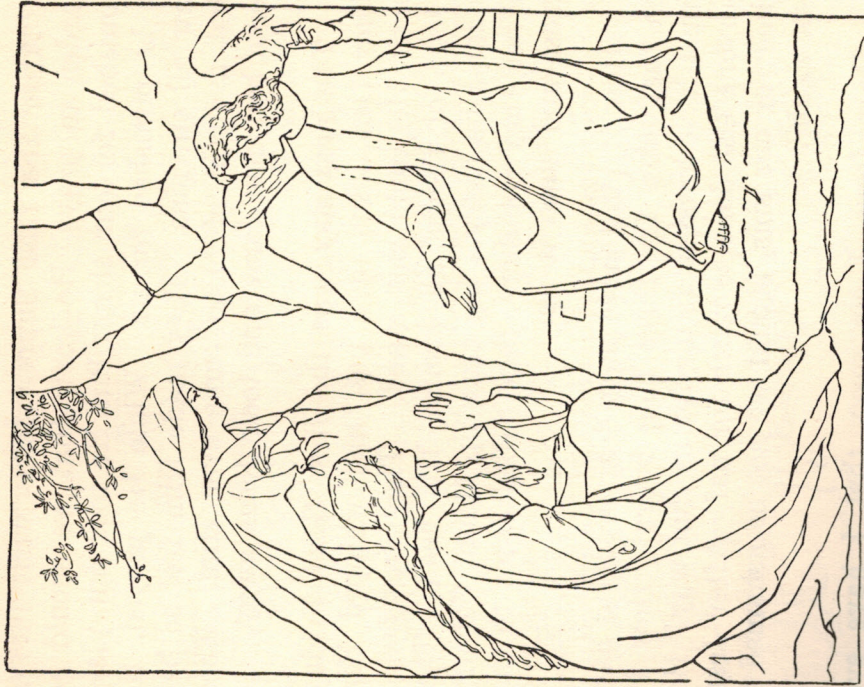
"*Deserving of all my love*" means "should have all my love."



(Make the sky dark; Jesus' cross, brown; the other crosses, darker brown; the Blessed Virgin's robe, blue; Mary Magdalen's, red; Saint John's, light brown; the robes of all the other people, dark colors.)

"*And deserving of all my love.*"





(Make the angel's robe white; women's dresses, green and red; the stones, grey.)

*"I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to confess my sins,"*

Three days after Jesus was buried He came back to life again. Then He was just as happy as He could be. Some holy women went out to His grave, but when they got there, an angel said, "He is not here." He was away, making His Mother and all His friends happy.

But how was Jesus going to make us happy? He knew that we cannot be really happy if we have sins on our souls. So that evening He went to His Apostles and said, "Whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven them." That is how Jesus gave priests the power to take away our sins and make us happy.

Sin is the worst thing in the world. But even if a sin is as big as it can be, the priest can take it away. Only we must be really sorry for it and tell it in confession.

"*I firmly resolve*" means I really promise. When we go to confession, God helps us. That is why we say "*with the help of Thy grace.*" "*Grace*" is the name of the help that God gives. "*To confess my sins*" means to tell my sins.

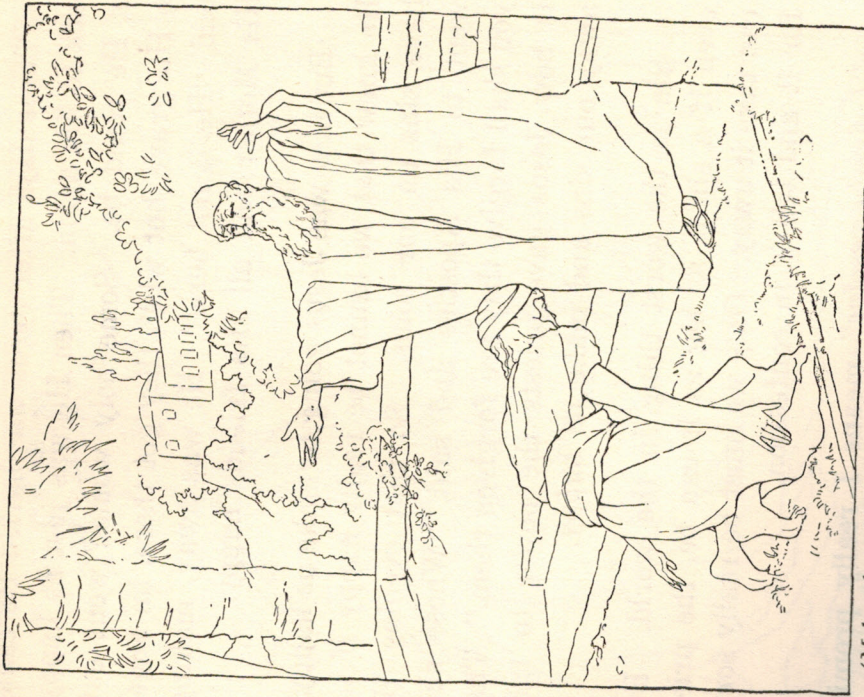


Jesus told a story about a boy who left his father's home. He became very bad and got into all kinds of trouble. Afterwards the boy was very sorry and went back to his father. His father was very glad that he came back. He forgave him everything.

Jesus wants us to remember that when we sin, we go away from Him. But if we are sorry for our sins and do not want to do them any more, we can go back to Him. And He will be nicer to us than even the father in the story.

We go back to Jesus when we go to confession. The priest takes the place of Jesus. We say to him: "Bless me, Father. I have sinned. My last confession was ——." And then we tell him our sins and how many times we did them. After that the priest will tell us to say some prayers. Those prayers are called our penance.

"*To do penance*" means to make up for our sins. After confession we should be glad to say our penance, and a few little prayers besides. "*To amend my life*" means to do what is right from now on.



(Make the old father's beard white; his robe, white and red; the son's garments, rusty brown; steps and ground, tan; sky, blue; leaves, green.)

"*To do penance and to amend my life. Amen.*"





(Make Jesus' robe white; Saint Peter's robe, dark red; the robes of the other apostles, brown or blue or green.)

*"O Jesus, I believe in Thee."*

Jesus always wanted to help all the people who would live after Him. So it was now time to start His Church. Long before, He had picked out one of His Apostles and named him "Peter." "Peter" means "a rock." And Jesus had said to him: "Thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build My Church."

Jesus now kept His promise. He started the Catholic Church and made Saint Peter the first pope. The pope is the head of the Church. He takes the place of Jesus on earth. When we do what the pope and the Catholic Church tell us, we do what Jesus Himself wants us to do.

Jesus wants us all to be good Catholics. We became Catholics when we were baptized. Baptism took the sin of Adam and Eve off our souls and made us children of God.

The Church tells us that we must go to Mass every Sunday, and not eat meat on Friday. A good Catholic is glad to do this for Jesus.

We believe what Jesus and His Church tell us, for it must be true. *"O Jesus, I believe in Thee."*





(Make Jesus' robe white; garments of the disciples, any color; the sky near Jesus, very light yellow; the rest of the sky, light blue.)

*"O Jesus, I hope in Thee."*

After Jesus gave us the Catholic Church to take care of us, He went back to His Father in heaven.

In heaven His Father has everything we like. Everybody is just as happy as he can be. No one is poor; no one is sick; no one is ever sad.

Heaven is that most beautiful home where Jesus Himself now lives. And just think of it! Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to live there too. He wishes to have us for His brothers and sisters.

And for how long? Forever and forever!

At the end of the world our bodies will come back to life again. And if our souls are in heaven, our bodies will go there too.

But Jesus can not take us into heaven unless we are good. Can we all be good? Yes, because Jesus promised to help us.

That is why we say:

*"O Jesus, I hope in Thee."*



We sometimes wish that Jesus had not gone back to heaven. We think of those little children who could climb right on His lap. But we forget that He is still on earth.

Jesus comes into the world in every Mass, just as truly as He came into the world that first Christmas. We can see the door to His little home. It is on the altar in church.

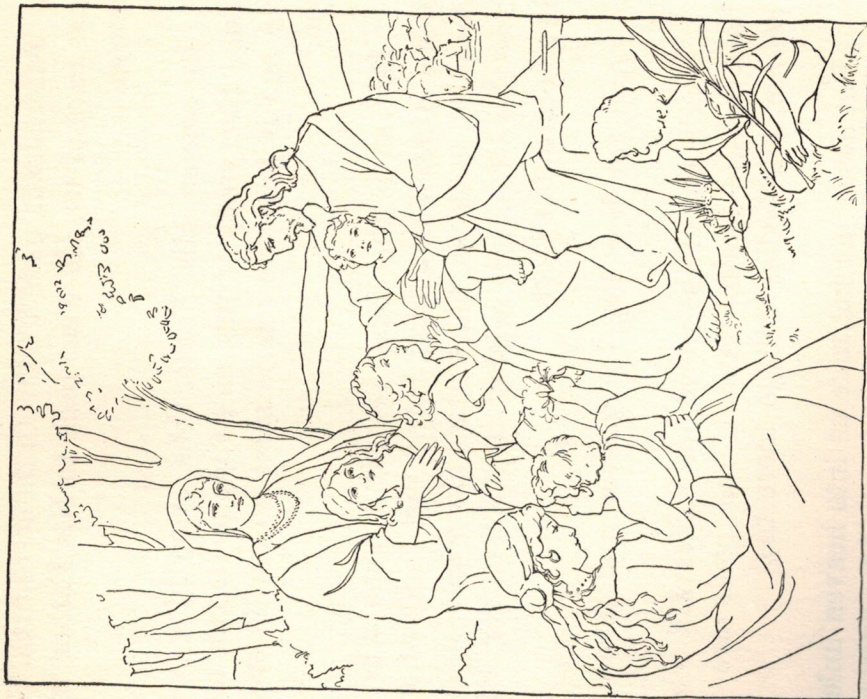
And why does Jesus live there? Just because He loves us so much, and wants to be where He can help us more and more.

Jesus likes to have us visit Him. When we come, He blesses us as He did those little children many years ago.

But Jesus likes most of all to have us receive Him in Holy Communion. Then we must not have any big sin on our soul, and we must not eat or drink anything after midnight. When Jesus comes, we want to be as nice as we can. He comes right into our heart. We can talk to Him as to our dearest Friend.

*"O Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart."*

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(Make Jesus' robe white; baby's clothes, blue; mothers' and children's clothes, any color you like; grass and leaves, green.)

*"O Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart."*

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We can show Jesus how much we love Him and all that we have learned so far by the way we go to confession and Holy Communion. Jesus sees each one of us. He sees me. And this is what He likes to see me do:

### WHEN I GO TO CONFESSION

I remember how Jesus said to His Apostles that first Easter day: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them." It was then that He started confession just to make us happy. In confession Jesus not only takes away our sins, but helps us to be good.

When I want to go to confession, I go to the church. I kneel down and pray. Sometimes I pray from a prayer book, but often I pray just from my heart. I tell Jesus that I am sorry for having sinned. I ask Him to help me to make a good confession. I ask Mary and my Guardian Angel to help me too.

Then I say this little prayer:

*"Come, O Holy Ghost, help me:*

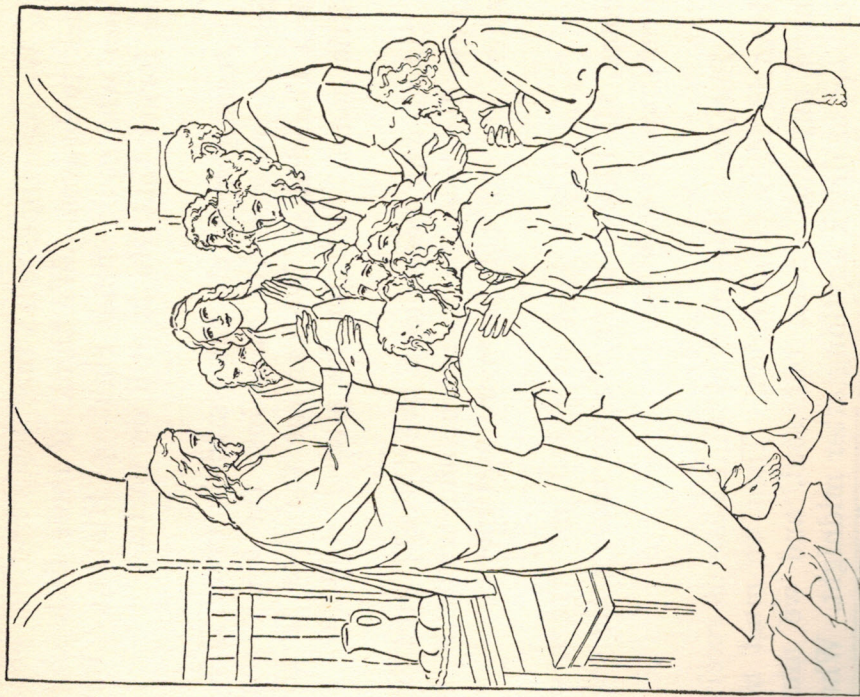
*to think of all my sins,*

*to be heartily sorry for them,*

*to make up my mind to do them no more,*

*to tell them right, and*

*to say my penance."*



(Make Jesus' robe white; the wounds in His hands and feet, red; the robes of the apostles any color you like; walls, light grey.)

*"Come, O Holy Ghost, help me,"*



This little prayer to the Holy Ghost helps me to remember the five things I should do to make a good confession.

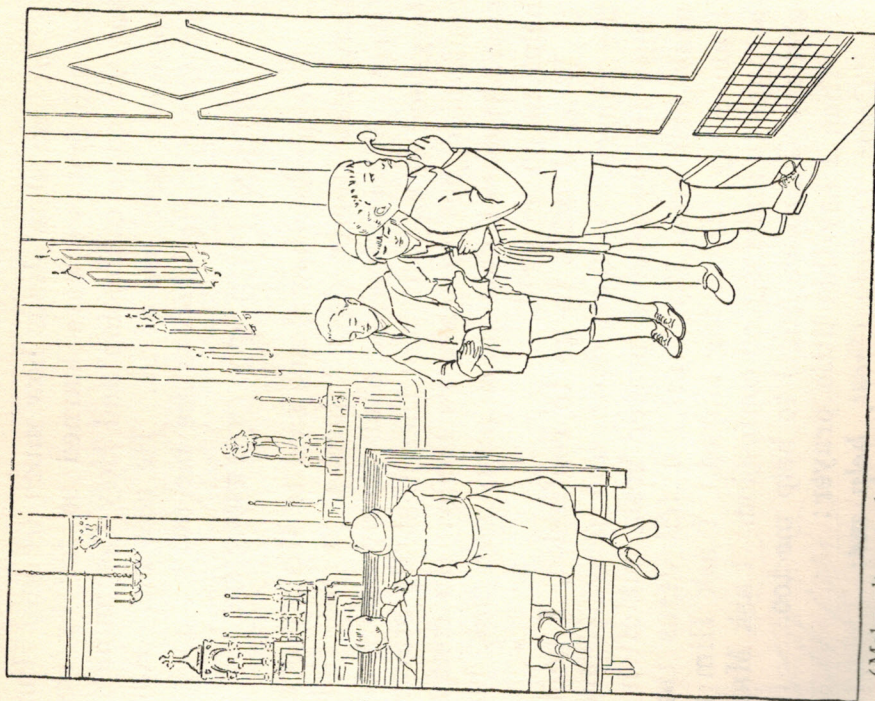
### *I. To think of all my sins:*

I think of my sins by trying to remember what I did that was wrong since my last confession. I ask myself these questions: Did I do anything wrong, by thinking (mind)? by hearing (ears)? by seeing or reading (eyes)? by saying or eating (mouth)? by doing or not doing (hands)? by going or not going (feet)?

I remember these questions by six words: mind, ears, eyes, mouth, hands, feet. I may also use the list of questions that my teacher tells me to use.

When I find a sin that I did, I see if I can tell it in just a few words and say about how many times I did it. Most of our sins we can tell very quickly; like this: "I told a little lie about three times."

I do not worry if I cannot remember everything. I know that the only sins we have to tell are sins that we can remember and are really big. Jesus knows how easy it is to forget. Jesus also knows that most little boys and girls have not done anything that is really a big sin.



(Make altars and statue white; the first boy's suit, dark blue with white collar; clothes of other children, any color you like; walls and floor, tan; benches and confessional, brown.)

*"To think of all my sins,"*



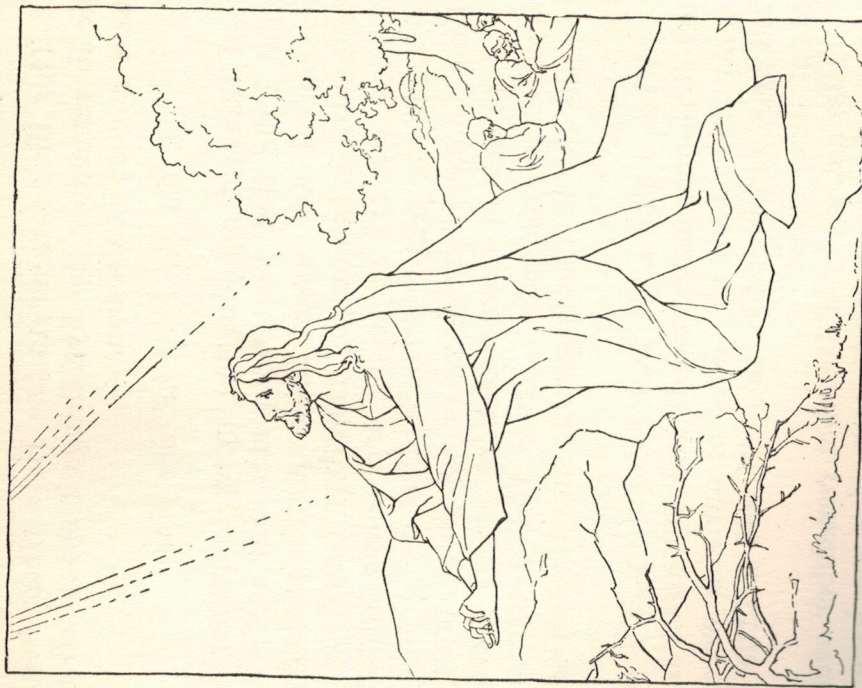
If I found a big sin on my soul, it would make me very sorry to think that I hurt Jesus so much. But it would not make me at all afraid to tell it. When Jesus sees us *do* the sin it makes Him very sad, but when He sees us *tell* the sin, it makes Him very glad.

How sad Jesus was the night He prayed in the garden and saw the sins of the whole world! How glad He would be if He could see all those sins told in confession!

The priest is glad too, when we tell him all our sins, because he wants to take them all away. To hide a big sin from the priest just puts another big sin on our soul. And the next time we go to confession we have to tell what we did and make our confession all over again. The priest will die before he lets anyone know a single sin we tell him.

If I cannot think of any real sin since my last confession, I can say to the priest: "Father, I cannot think of any real sin since my last confession. This is a sin from my past life ...". And then I tell him an old sin for which I am very sorry. I may go to confession as often as the priest thinks best.

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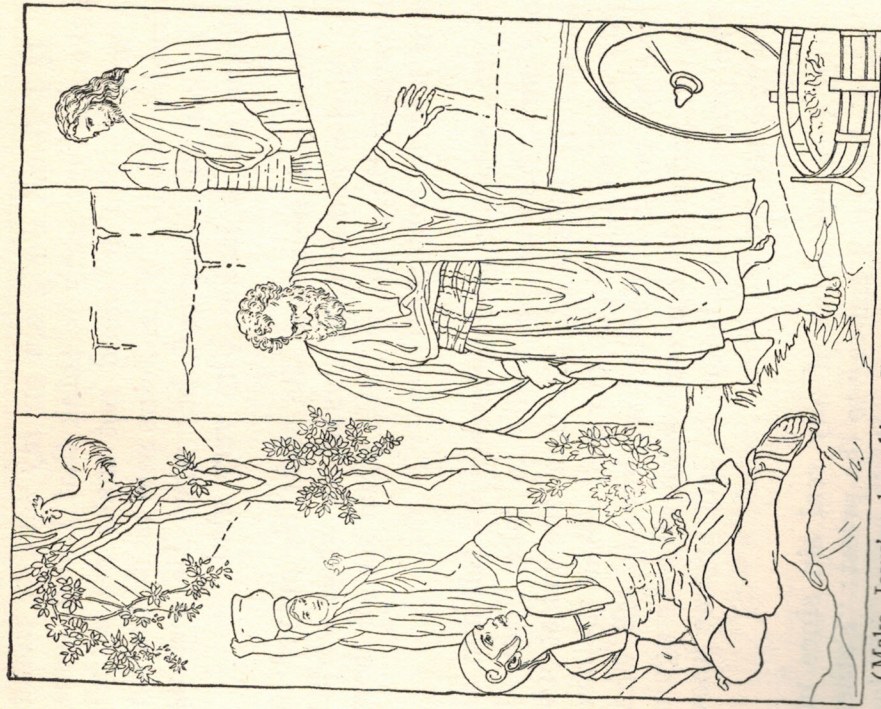


(Make this a night picture; the background, dark blue; Jesus' robe, very deep blue; face, tan; hair and beard, dark brown.)

*"To be heartily sorry for them,"*

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(Make Jesus' robe white; Peter's robe, dark brown with stripes; soldier's clothes, red; maid's dress, blue; rooster, brown; fire, red; stone walls, grey.)

*"To make up my mind to do them no more,"*

Sometimes things happen that are not sins at all. It is not a sin to miss Mass on Sunday when we cannot help it. It is not a sin to eat meat on Friday when we forget it is Friday. It is not a sin to have bad thoughts when we do not want to have those thoughts. It is not a sin for me, if I do something when I do not know it is a sin. It is not a sin for me, if I do something when I really cannot help doing it. I do not have to tell such things in confession. But if anything ever worried me, I would ask the priest about it. And afterwards I would do just as the priest told me.

If I do not know how to tell a sin, I can say: "Father, I have a sin I do not know how to tell." And then the priest will help me.

*II. To be heartily sorry for them,*

*III. To make up my mind to do them no more:*

After Saint Peter thought of how he sinned against Jesus, he was very sorry. After I think of how I sinned against Jesus, I want to be sorry too. So I make an act of contrition. It is the prayer that begins: "O my God, I am heartily sorry." I say that prayer very slowly. I mean every word in it.



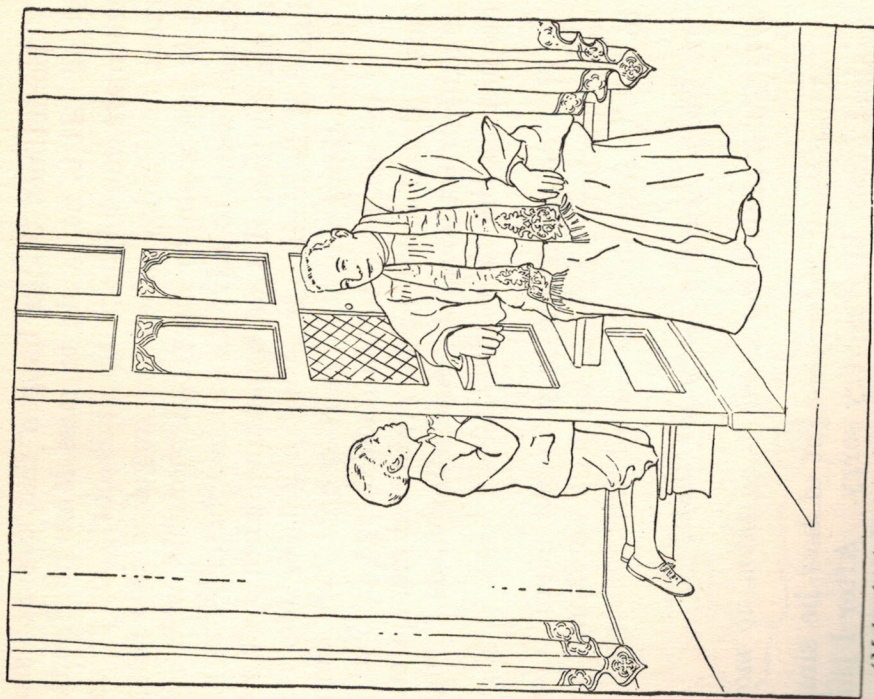
I think of how one big sin can make me lose heaven and go to hell; and how one little sin can make me go to purgatory. I think of how every sin hurts Jesus, Who is so good, and made Him die on the cross. And then I make up my mind to sin no more. Jesus cannot forgive our sins if we are not sorry for them, or if we want to do them again.

#### IV. *To tell them right:*

While I wait for my turn to go to confession, I think of what I am going to do. I am going to see the priest who takes the place of Jesus. He will take away my sins, and help me to be good.

When it is my turn, I walk in and kneel down. I begin when the priest opens the little door. I stand up if I am too little to look through. I talk just loud enough for the priest alone to hear.

I make the Sign of the Cross and say: "Bless me, Father. I have sinned. My last confession was \_\_\_\_" (Here I tell him when.) And right away I tell him my sins and how many times I did them. After the last sin, I say: "I am sorry for these sins and the sins of my whole life, especially for . . ." (And here I name a past sin for which I am very sorry.)



(Make boy's suit dark blue; his collar, white; the priest's surplice, white; his stole, purple; his cassock, black; curtains, dark red or green; walls and floor and partition, tan.)

*"To tell them right,"*





(Make Jesus' garments white; His staff, brown; sheep, light grey or white; trees and grass, green; sky, blue.)

*"And to say my penance."*

Then I listen to what the priest says. I listen to him just as I would to Jesus. He tells me to say some prayers for a penance. And then he begins to pray and say the words that take away my sins. While he does this I make an act of contrition. That means I say again with all my heart the prayer that begins: "O my God, I am heartily sorry."

When it is time to leave, the priest may say, "God bless you" or "Go in peace." And I answer, "Thank you, Father."

#### *V. And to say my penance:*

I say my penance right away, so that I never forget it. Then I say a few little prayers besides. I thank Jesus. I thank the Holy Ghost. I thank Mary and my Guardian Angel. I also ask them to keep me good from now on.

Afterwards I feel like a little lamb in the arms of Jesus. I do not worry if I find that I forgot to tell something. When we try to make a good confession, Jesus forgives all our sins, whether we remembered them all or not. Even if we forgot a very big sin, we can go to Holy Communion. All we have to do is tell that big sin in our next confession. After we have told a sin in a good confession, we never have to tell it again.



## WHEN I GO TO HOLY COMMUNION

After a good confession my soul is very beautiful. Jesus and Mary, and all the angels and saints love me more than they did before. Jesus wants to come into my heart.

### *I keep my soul holy*

I know it would be very wrong to go to Holy Communion if I did anything after confession that was a big sin. It would not be wrong to go to Holy Communion if I did something that was a little sin. But if I got a little sin on my soul after confession, I would be very sorry. And I would make a good act of contrition.

### *I do not eat or drink*

It would also be very wrong to go to Holy Communion if I ate or drank anything after midnight. So I do not even eat a little bite or drink a tiny drop. I am glad to keep my soul holy. I am glad not to eat or drink. Jesus is coming, and I want to be as nice as I can.

### *I get to Mass on time*

In the morning I think of Jesus. I hurry off to church. I always want to get to Mass on time. I think of what is going to happen. I know it is just like being at the Last Supper, when Jesus first gave the Blessed Sacrament to the Apostles.



(Make chalice gold; hands and faces, pink; beards and hair, black or brown; Jesus' robe, white; the robes of the apostles, different colors; background, blue; leaves, green.)

“O Sacrament most holy!  
O Sacrament divine!”



*I know that Jesus is coming*

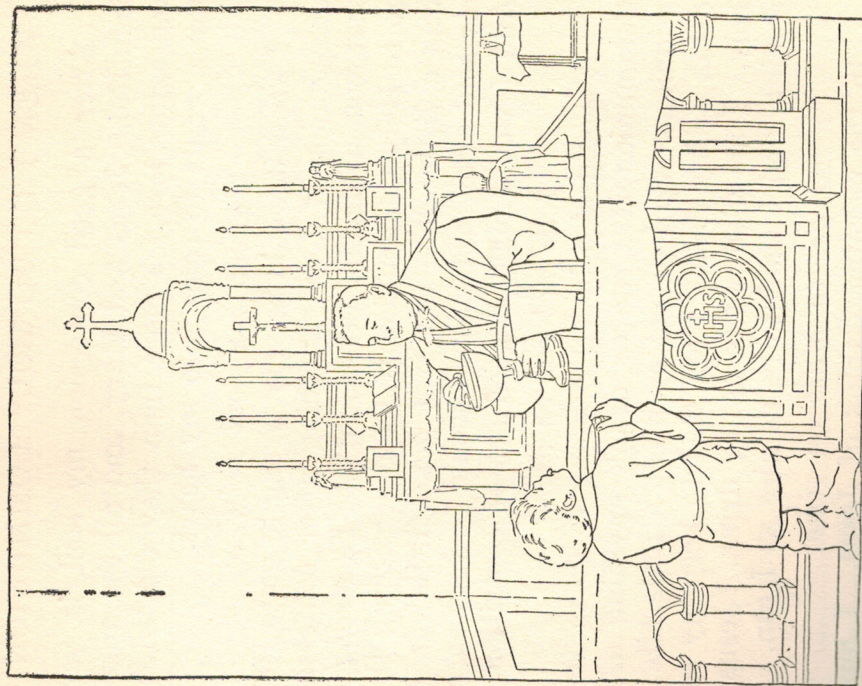
The priest will take bread and wine. He will say: "This is My Body. . . . This is My Blood," and right away the bread and wine will become the Body and Blood of Jesus.

*I pray*

In a little while I know that the priest will give me the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. So I keep on praying. Sometimes I say the prayers in my prayer book; sometimes I say little prayers just from my heart. I say to Him: "O Jesus, I believe in Thee; O Jesus, I hope in Thee; O Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart; so come to me, dear Jesus; I want so much to receive Thee."

*I go to receive Jesus*

When the happy time comes, I go to the Communion rail. I keep my hands folded and my eyes looking down. I do not want to think of anything but Jesus. When the priest comes to me, I lift up my head, I open my mouth, and put out my tongue just a little. The round white Host looks and tastes like bread, but It is not bread. It is Jesus! It is the same dear Jesus, Who was born in the stable, Who blessed the little children, and Who gave the Apostles Holy Communion at the Last Supper.



(Make priest's vestments red; his alb, white; boy's suit, dark blue with white collar; altar, white; candle sticks and ciborium and gold plate, gold color; walls, tan.)

*"All praise and all thanksgiving  
Be every moment thine."*



*I thank Jesus*

I swallow the little Host the priest put on my tongue. I go back to my place and kneel down again. I am glad that Jesus is with me. He is my dearest Friend. I talk to Him. I thank Him for having come to me.

*I ask Him to help me*

I ask Him to help me and bless me. I beg Him to keep me good. I say again and again: "O Jesus, I believe in Thee; O Jesus, I hope in Thee; O Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart. I thank Thee for having come to me. O dear Jesus, keep me good."

*I pray for everyone*

I tell Him to help my mother and father, my brothers and sisters, our priests and teachers, and everyone. I say the "Prayer before a Crucifix" for the poor souls in purgatory.

*And*

Before I go home, I say a little prayer to the Mother of Jesus. I tell her how Jesus has come to me. I ask her to keep me good until He comes again.





# OUR LITTLE QUESTION BOX



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## • JESUS AND I •

Dear Boys and Girls:

In Our Little Question Box there are 423 questions that *Jesus and I* has answered. Do you want to see if you can answer them?

Maybe in the beginning you will not know some of the answers. Then *Jesus and I* will give them to you. Most boys and girls will be able to answer nearly all the questions after they have studied *Jesus and I* only a little bit.

Just read a page two or three times. Then get someone to ask you the questions for that page. You can surprise mother and father, and almost anyone. Maybe they will not know the answers themselves.

Now skip to page 5.

## OUR LITTLE QUESTION BOX



### Dear Parents and Teachers:

When Jesus walked this earth, there was nothing more certain than that He loved children. He was never too busy, never too tired, when the little ones wanted to come to Him. We all remember His words to the disciples: "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come to me: for the kingdom of heaven is for such" (Matthew XIX, 14).

Jesus loves the little children of America today, no less than He loved the little children of Palestine nineteen hundred years ago. He is truly grateful to those good parents and teachers who try to do what He Himself would love to do.

It is hoped that *Jesus and I* with *Our Little Question Box* will be of some value to those who wish to assist little children to a knowledge and love of Jesus.

Although every precaution has been taken to make this little work theologically correct, its object will not be attained if it merely fills the child's mind with a number of doctrinal statements. The lives of the saints

seem to prove that one little truth treasured in the heart is often of more value than a hundred merely stored in the memory. In teaching a little child we should try to help him: not merely to know Jesus but to love Him; not merely to memorize his prayers but to appreciate them; not merely to learn his religion but to practice it.

It might be well to remark that the little ones whom we instruct are, in many respects, in a position similar to those who listened to our Lord Himself. They are meeting Jesus and hearing His doctrine for the first time. Hence, although some allowance must be made for the age of the child and the circumstances in which he lives, it would seem that the examples and stories which Jesus Himself chose to make His doctrine known and loved might very well be preferred to many others, that might be at hand. In a word, let the child, so to speak, hear and see Jesus Himself. Let it be "*Jesus and I*" rather than "*Teacher and I*."

The act of contrition explained in the text is the one in most common use. A more simple act is given on page 36. An examination of conscience, more than sufficient for little children, will be found on page 41.



This little book might be used in many ways. Here is an easy way to teach a child privately:

1. Take the matter as found on a page in *Jesus and I*. Supply extra details, if you wish. Point out things in the picture as you go along.

2. Slowly read to the child the sentences just as they are on that page.

3. Go back over those sentences again, but this time merely start the sentences and see if the child can supply the last few words from memory.

4. Ask the questions given for that page in *Our Little Question Box*.

If the answer of the child is correct, praise him for it. It is not necessary that he recite everything word for word. If the answer is incorrect, encourage him to try again. Let him believe he is doing fine. If the child shows very great difficulty in getting some particular point, let it go for the present. It is unwise to press him with difficulties that are really beyond him. Do all you can to make the child's first steps in religion as happy as possible.

*When there was no world*

1. Who made all things?
2. What is God?
3. Is God beautiful?
4. Did He ever have a beginning?
5. Will He ever have an end?
6. How did God make all things?
7. Where is God?
8. Why can you not see God?
9. What does God see?
10. What can God do?
11. Why did God make you?
12. What does God want of you?
13. What does God do for you?
14. What can you do for God?
15. What will you say before everything you do?

*When there was only God*

16. Is there only one God?
17. What are the names of the Three Persons in God?
18. How do you show that you believe there are Three Persons in one God?



19. How do you show that you believe that God the Son became a little baby and died on the Cross?
20. Are the Three Persons equal in all things?
21. What do the Three Persons do for you?
22. What do you say when you start to bless yourself?
23. What does God see?
24. What does He hear?
25. What does He know?
26. Do you make the Sign of the Cross when you begin to pray?

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*When God made the angels*

27. Who made the angels?
28. Did He make all of them good?
29. What did God make for the angels?
30. Where did God want all of the angels to be?
31. But what happened?
32. What did God have to make for the bad angels?
33. What do the bad angels try to do?

34. What does "to sin" mean?
35. Why did God give you a good angel?
36. What is that good angel called?
37. Can you see your Guardian Angel?
38. What should you do about your Guardian Angel?
39. What prayer do you know to your Guardian Angel?
40. What do these words mean: "To whom His love commits me here"?

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*When God made Adam and Eve*

41. Who made Adam and Eve?
42. Who were Adam and Eve?
43. Where did they live?
44. What did God tell them?
45. What did the devil tell Eve?
46. What did Eve do?
47. Was that a big sin?
48. What did that sin do?
49. Are we born with a sin on our soul?
50. What is that sin called?
51. What else did the sin of Adam and Eve do?
52. Whose fault was it?



53. Did God feel sorry for them?

54. What did God promise?

55. What do you wish that Adam and Eve had done?

56. What do you ask your Guardian Angel to do when you say: "Ever this day . . ."?

PAGE 15

(Luke I, 26-38.)

*When God picked out His Mother*

57. Was it hard to be good after the sin of Adam and Eve?

58. What happened to the bad people?

59. What did the good people do?

60. Who was to be the Saviour?

61. What did God tell the Angel Gabriel to do?

62. What did the angel say when he appeared to Mary?

63. Why did the angel call her "full of grace"?

64. Why did the angel say: "The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women"?

65. When do you pray like the angel?

PAGE 17

(Luke II, 1-20.)

*When Jesus, the Saviour, was born*

66. Where did Mary go after the angel returned to heaven?

67. What did the Holy Ghost let Saint Elizabeth know?

68. Who was the first to say to Mary, "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb"?

69. After that where did Mary and her husband Saint Joseph have to go?

70. What happened when they got there?

71. What did the people in the houses say?

72. So what did Mary and Joseph have to do?

73. Where was the Saviour born?

74. What did the angels do?

75. Why was the Saviour named Jesus?

76. Why do we say, "And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus"?

PAGE 19

(Matthew II, 1-12.)

*When Three Kings came to adore Jesus*

77. What did Three Kings see?



78. What did it do?
79. Were the Three Kings happy when they saw Jesus?
80. Was Mary glad when she knew that the Three Kings loved Jesus?
81. Why do we call Mary, "Holy Mary"?
82. Why do we call her "Mother of God"?
83. Is Mary also our Mother?
84. Does Mary love us?
85. Did Jesus have a real father on earth?
86. Why do we love Saint Joseph?

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(*Matthew II, 13-18.*)

*When Herod tried to kill Jesus*

87. Can you tell the story about the bad king?
88. What was his name?
89. What did he want to do?
90. What did God do?
91. What did the angel say?
92. What did Saint Joseph do?
93. What happened then?
94. What did the soldiers do?
95. What did they think?
96. Would Mary pray for King Herod?

97. Why are we called "sinners"?
98. What does Mary want?
99. Will she help us?
100. What is she glad to hear us say?

PAGE 23

(*Matthew II, 19-23.*)

*When Jesus lived in Nazareth*

101. How long did Jesus, Mary, and Joseph stay in Egypt?
102. Where did they go then?
103. Were Jesus, Mary, and Joseph poor?
104. Why was their home happy?
105. What are they called?
106. Did Jesus love Mary and Joseph?
107. What did He do?
108. Did Jesus show us how to be good?
109. Can you tell three things that Jesus did well?
110. So what does He want us to do?
111. Why did Mary and Joseph do everything well?
112. How can we do everything well?
113. What can we say when we want to do something for Jesus?



114. What does Mary do when we pray the Hail Mary and really mean that little word "now"?

PAGE 25

(*Luke II, 40-52.*)

*When Jesus was twelve years old*

115. Did Jesus, Mary, and Joseph love to pray?
116. When did they pray?
117. What did they do when Jesus was twelve years old?
118. What happened then?
119. What did Mary and Joseph do?
120. Where did they find Jesus?
121. What would those teachers have liked to do?
122. What did Jesus do when Mary and Joseph asked Him to go back home?
123. How long did Jesus stay at home?
124. Why did Saint Joseph die a happy death?
125. Will Jesus and Mary be with us when we die?

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(*Luke XI, 1; Matthew VI, 9-13.*)

*When Jesus was about thirty*

126. What did Jesus do when He was about thirty years old?
127. Why did He pick out twelve men?
128. What was He going to make them?
129. What are they called?
130. How did Jesus pray?
131. So what did one of the Apostles do?
132. How did Jesus tell them to pray?
133. What do we now call the best prayer there is?
134. What does Jesus want us to remember when we say "Our Father"?
135. How does God love us?
136. What do the words "Who art in heaven" tell us?
137. What is heaven?

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(*Luke XVIII, 9-14.*)

*About two men in the Temple*

138. Did Jesus tell a story about two men who went to the Temple to pray?



139. What were the two men called?
140. Was the Pharisee proud?
141. How did the Pharisee pray?
142. Was the Publican proud?
143. How did the Publican pray?
144. How does Jesus want us to pray?
145. What do we do when we pray?
146. What should we do when we talk to God?
147. What do we wish when we say "hal-  
lowed be Thy name"?
148. What do we pray for when we say  
"Thy kingdom come"?

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(Mark IV, 35-40.)

*When Jesus made a storm be still*

149. Can you tell the story about Jesus and  
the storm?
150. What happened when Jesus slept?
151. What did the Apostles do?
152. What did they say to Jesus?
153. What did Jesus do?
154. What happened to the storm?
155. Is Jesus God?
156. How did the storm do the will of God?

157. How did the Apostles do the will of  
God?
158. When do we do the will of God?
159. What can we do if we find it hard to  
do what God wants?
160. What did Jesus say when things were  
very, very hard?
161. Why do we say: "Thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heaven"?

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(John VI, 1-15 and 22-72.)

*When Jesus fed so many people*

162. Did the people love to listen to Jesus?
163. Can you tell the story about the people  
having nothing to eat?
164. What did an Apostle say to Jesus?
165. What did Jesus say to him?
166. What did the people do?
167. And then what did Jesus do?
168. What did Jesus promise the next day?
169. Why can Jesus do this?
170. What is God willing to give us when  
we say, "Give us this day our daily  
bread"?



(Matthew XVIII, 21-35.)

*About a king and a servant*

171. Do you know the story that Jesus told about a king who was going to punish a servant?
172. What did the servant do?
173. Did the king feel sorry for him?
174. What happened afterwards?
175. What will God do if we do not forgive others?
176. What do we ask God to do when we say "forgive us our trespasses"?
177. What do we tell God when we say "as we forgive those who trespass against us"?
178. Are our sins trespasses?

(Matthew IV, 1-11.)

*When Jesus was tempted*

179. Did Jesus ever stay in a desert?
180. Did Jesus eat during that time?
181. What happened after that?

182. Why could not the devil make Jesus sin?
183. When does the devil tempt us?
184. Is it a sin to be tempted?
185. Will God help us if we pray when we are tempted?
186. What do we pray for when we say "lead us not into temptation"?
187. What do we ask God to do when we say "deliver us from evil"?
188. What is Our Lord's own prayer?

(Luke VII, 36-50.)

*When Jesus forgave Mary Magdalen*

189. Do you know the story about the woman that was very sorry for her sins?
190. What did she know?
191. So what all did she do?
192. Was Jesus pleased?
193. Did she have to cry to be sorry?
194. When are you heartily sorry for your sins?
195. What does "to offend" mean?
196. What does "to detest" mean?



(Luke XVI, 19-31.)

*About a rich man and a beggar*

197. Can you tell the story that Jesus told about a rich man and a beggar?
198. What happened to the rich man when he died?
199. Why should we be afraid if we have a big sin on our soul?
200. Whose fault will it be if we go to hell?
201. Why did Jesus come on earth?
202. Does it make Jesus sad to see anyone go to hell?
203. What is purgatory?
204. What do these words mean: "Because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell"?

(Matthew XXVI, 17-30.)

*When Jesus took His Last Supper*

205. What did Jesus do for three years?
206. But what did some bad men want to do?

207. What did Jesus do the day before He died?

208. Who was Judas?
209. What made Jesus very sad?
210. What made Jesus even more sad?
211. Did Jesus want to be with us?
212. Who said the first Mass?
213. What did Jesus do with some bread and wine?
214. What power did Jesus give priests?
215. Does Jesus come to live with us even now?
216. Does Jesus ever get tired of being good to us?
217. Why do we say we are sorry for our sins "most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good"?

(Matthew XXVI, 30-XXVII, 66.)

*When Jesus died on the Cross*

218. Where did Jesus go after the Last Supper?
219. What did Jesus know?
220. But what did He do?



221. What did He see while He prayed?
222. How did they make Him feel?
223. What happened then?
224. What was the next day?
225. What did they do to Jesus?
226. What did they fasten around His head?
227. Where did they make Jesus carry a big cross?
228. What did they do when they got there?
229. Did it hurt Jesus?
230. Did Jesus love us?
231. After Jesus died for our sins, what should we be ashamed to do?
232. What does "deserving of all my love" mean?

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(Mark XVI, 1-7; John XX, 19-23)

*When Jesus came back to life again*

233. What happened three days after Jesus was buried?
234. Was Jesus very happy then?
235. Did some holy women go out to His grave?

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236. What happened when they got there?
237. Where was Jesus?
238. Did Jesus know that we cannot be really happy if we have sins on our soul?
239. So what did Jesus do that evening?
240. How did Jesus give priests the power to take away sins and make us happy?
241. Can the priests take away a sin if it is very big?
242. What must we do to have the priest take it away?
243. What does "I firmly resolve" mean?
244. Why do we say "with the help of Thy grace"?
245. What is "grace"?
246. What does "to confess my sins" mean?

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(Luke XV, 11-32.)

*When Jesus is like a good father*

247. Can you tell the story that Jesus told about a boy who left his father's home?
248. What happened when he left?
249. Was the boy sorry?

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250. Did the father forgive him?
251. What does Jesus want us to remember?
252. But what if we are sorry?
253. When do we go back to Jesus?
254. Whose place does the priest take?
255. What do we say to the priest when we begin our confession?
256. And then what do we tell him?
257. Will the priest tell us to say some prayers?
258. What are those prayers called?
259. What does "to do penance" mean?
260. After confession what should we be glad to do?
261. What does "to amend my life" mean?

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(Matthew XVI, 13-20; John XXI, 1-17.)

*When Jesus started His Church*

262. Did Jesus want to help all the people?
263. So what was it now time to do?
264. What had Jesus done long before?
265. What does the name "Peter" mean?
266. What had Jesus said to him?
267. What did Jesus now do?

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268. Who is the pope?
269. Whose place does the pope take?
270. What happens when we do what the pope tells us?
271. What does Jesus want us all to be?
272. When did we become Catholics?
273. What did baptism do?
274. Who tells us that we must go to Mass every Sunday and not eat meat on Friday?
275. Is a good Catholic glad to do this?
276. Why do we believe what Jesus tells us?
277. How can you tell Jesus you believe in Him?

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(Luke XXIV, 50-53; Acts I, 9-12.)

*When Jesus returned to Heaven*

278. Where did Jesus go after He gave us the Catholic Church to take care of us?
279. Is everybody happy in heaven?
280. Is anyone poor or sick or sad?
281. Is heaven a home?
282. Does Jesus want us to live there too?

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283. Does He wish to have us for His brothers and sisters?
284. And for how long?
285. What will happen at the end of the world?
286. Where will our bodies go?
287. But what if we are not good?
288. Can we all be good?
289. Is that why we say: "O Jesus, I hope in Thee"?

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*When Jesus comes back to us*

290. Do we sometimes wish that Jesus had not gone back to heaven?
291. But what do we forget?
292. Does Jesus come into the world in every Mass?
293. Where is His little home?
294. And why does Jesus live there?
295. Does Jesus like to have us visit Him?
296. What does He do when we come?
297. What does Jesus like most of all?
298. But then how must we be?
299. And how can we talk to Him?

300. What little prayer can you say to tell Jesus that you love Him?

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301. What do you remember about that first Easter?
302. What does Jesus do for us in confession?
303. What do you do when you go to confession?
304. How do you pray?
305. What do you ask Jesus?
306. Do you ask anyone else?
307. And then what prayer do you say?

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308. Does this prayer help you to remember anything?

- I. *To think of all my sins:*
309. What is the first thing?
310. How do you think of your sins?
311. What questions do you ask yourself?



312. How do you remember these questions?
313. Do these six words help you to remember anything else?
314. What do you do when you find a sin that you did?
315. How can we tell most of our sins?
316. Do you worry if you cannot remember everything?
317. What do you know to keep you from worrying?
318. Does Jesus know how easy it is to forget?
319. What else does He know?

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320. What if you found a big sin on your soul?
321. Would it make you afraid to tell it?
322. What happens when Jesus sees us *do* the sin?
323. What happens when Jesus sees us *tell* the sin?
324. Why is the priest glad when we tell him all our sins?
325. What if we hide a big sin from the priest?

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326. And what would we have to do the next time we went to confession?
327. Will the priest let anyone know the sins we tell him?
328. What if you cannot think of any real sin since your last confession?
329. How often may you go to confession?

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330. Do things sometimes happen that are not sins?
331. Is it a sin to miss Mass on Sunday when we cannot help it?
332. Is it a sin to eat meat on Friday when we forget?
333. Is it a sin to have bad thoughts when we do not want to have those thoughts?
334. Is it a sin for me, if I do something when I do not know it is a sin?
335. Is it a sin for me, if I do something when I really cannot help doing it?
336. Do I have to tell such things in confession?
337. But what would you do if anything ever worried you?

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338. What if you do not know how to tell a sin?

II. *To be heartily sorry for them,*

III. *To make up my mind to do them no more:*

339. What is the second thing you should do to make a good confession?

340. What is the third thing?

341. After Saint Peter thought of how he had sinned against Jesus, was he sorry?

342. Do you want to be sorry too?

343. What is "The Act of Contrition"?

344. How do you say that prayer?

345. How much of that prayer do you mean?

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346. What do you think of a big sin?

347. And what do you think of a little sin?

348. And what do you think of every sin?

349. And what do you do then?

350. What if we are not sorry for them, or if we want to do them again?

IV. *To tell them right:*

351. What is the fourth thing you should do to make a good confession?

352. What do you do while you wait for your turn to go to confession?

353. Whom are you going to see?

354. What will he do?

355. What do you do when it is your turn?

356. When do you begin?

357. What if you are too little to look through?

358. How loud do you talk?

359. But what do you do when you begin?

360. And when do you tell him your sins?

361. What do you say after the last sin?

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362. And then what do you do?

363. How do you listen to him?

364. What is one thing he always tells you to do?



365. And what does the priest do then?  
 366. And what do you do?  
 367. What does that mean?  
 368. What does the priest say when it is time to leave?  
 369. And what do you answer?

V. *And to say my penance:*

370. What is the fifth thing you should do to make a good confession?  
 371. When do you say your penance?  
 372. Do you say any other prayers?  
 373. Do you thank anyone?  
 374. And what else do you do?  
 375. Afterwards, do you worry if you find that you forgot to tell something in confession?  
 376. What does Jesus do when we try to make a good confession?  
 377. If we forgot a big sin, could we go to Holy Communion?  
 378. But what would we have to do about that big sin?  
 379. After we have told a sin in a good confession, do we ever have to tell it again?

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380. How is your soul after a good confession?  
 381. And what about Jesus and Mary, and all the angels and saints?  
 382. And what does Jesus want?

*I keep my soul holy*

383. Would it be wrong to go to Holy Communion, if you did anything after confession that was a big sin?  
 384. Would it be wrong to go to Holy Communion, if you did something that was a little sin?  
 385. But what would you do if you got a little sin on your soul after confession?  
 386. And what would you do?

*I do not eat or drink*

387. What if you ate or drank anything



after midnight?

388. So what do you do?

389. And are you glad?

390. How do you want to be when Jesus is coming?

*I get to Mass on time*

391. In the morning do you think of Jesus?

392. Do you hurry off to Church?

393. What do you always want to do?

394. And what do you think of?

395. Do you know what being at Mass is like?

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396. What will the priest do?

397. What will he say?

398. And what will happen right away?

*I pray*

399. What do you know will happen in a little while?

400. So what do you do?

401. How do you pray?

402. What do you say to Jesus?

*I go to receive Jesus*

403. Where do you go when the happy time comes?

404. And how do you keep your hands and your eyes?

405. What do you want to think of?

406. What do you do when the priest comes to you?

407. How does the round white Host look and taste?

408. But what is It?

409. And is It the same Jesus Who was born in the stable at Bethlehem?

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*I thank Jesus*

410. And what do you do with the little Host the priest puts on your tongue?

411. And what do you do then?

412. Are you glad then?

413. Is He your Friend?

414. But what do you do?

415. Do you thank Him?



*I ask Him to help me*

416. What do you ask Him to do for you?  
417. Do you beg Him to keep you good?  
418. And is there anything you say again and again?

*I pray for everyone*

419. Do you tell Jesus to help anyone else?  
420. Do you say the "Prayer before a Crucifix"?

*And*

421. And what do you do before you go home?  
422. What do you tell her?  
423. And what do you ask of her?

PRAYERS

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom His love commits me here,  
Ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard, to rule and guide.

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not



into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

### THE ACT OF CONTRITION

(Short Form)

O my God, because Thou art so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against Thee, and I will not sin again.

### THE ACT OF CONTRITION

(Long Form)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.  
Amen.

### SHORT ACTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

O Jesus, I believe in Thee.  
O Jesus, I hope in Thee.  
O Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart.

### PRAYER BEFORE MEALS

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive, from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER MEALS

We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O almighty God, Who livest and reignest forever; and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### THE GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

1. I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth;  
2. and in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord;  
3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary;



4. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried.
5. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead;
6. He ascended into heaven; sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
7. from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Ghost;
9. the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints;
10. the forgiveness of sins;
11. the resurrection of the body;
12. and life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

*(and some things they do)*

1. Baptism *(takes away original sin and makes us children of God).*
2. Confirmation *(gives us the Holy Ghost and makes us soldiers of Christ).*

3. Holy Eucharist *(gives us Jesus in the Mass and Holy Communion).*
4. Penance *(takes away our sins and helps us to be good).*
5. Extreme Unction *(helps us when we are very sick and in danger of death).*
6. Holy Orders *(makes men priests and helps them to take the place of Jesus).*
7. Matrimony *(makes people married and helps them to live the way they should).*

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*(and some things they tell us to do)*

1. I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before me.  
*(We should love God and pray to Him.)*
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.  
*(We should love the name of God, and be nice in all we say.)*
3. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.  
*(We should go to Mass every Sunday and holy day.)*



4. Honor thy father and thy mother.  
(*We should love and obey our parents and all who are over us.*)
5. Thou shalt not kill.  
(*We should be kind, and not quarrel and fight.*)
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
(*We should be pure in all we see, hear, say, and do.*)
7. Thou shalt not steal.  
(*We should be honest, and never hurt anything or steal.*)
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.  
(*We should be truthful, and never tell a lie.*)
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.  
(*We should be pure in all we think and wish.*)
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.  
(*We should be satisfied with what we have, and not want what does not belong to us.*)

## WHEN I GO TO CONFESSION

### BEFORE CONFESSION

Dear Jesus, I have sinned. But now I am sorry. I want to go to confession. I know that if I make a good confession, You will take away my sins and help me to be good. Jesus, please help me to make a good confession. Mary, my dear Mother, help me to make my soul pure and beautiful like yours. My Guardian Angel, pray for me.

### *Prayer to the Holy Ghost*

Come, O Holy Ghost, help me:  
to think of all my sins,  
to be heartily sorry for them,  
to make up my mind to do them no more,  
to tell them right, and  
to say my penance.

### I. *To think of all my sins:*

(Here are some questions to help me think of my sins. I can remember these questions by six words: mind, ears, eyes, mouth, hands, feet. When I find a sin that I did, I see if I can tell it in just a few words and say about how many times I did it.)



1. MIND (*thinking*): Did I willingly think of playing and other things when I prayed? Did I willingly keep mean thoughts in my mind? Did I willingly keep bad thoughts in my mind? Did I wish anything mean or bad?

2. EARS (*hearing*): Did I sin by listening to talk that was mean? Did I sin by listening to talk that was bad?

3. EYES (*seeing or reading*): Did I sin by looking at anything bad? Did I sin by reading anything bad?

4. MOUTH (*talking or eating*): Did I sin by talking about anything bad? Did I use words that are really bad? Did I use holy names like "Jesus" and "God" when I should not have used them? Did I let myself get angry and say mean things to anyone? Did I call anyone mean names? Did I tell lies? Did I tell mean things about anyone? Did I eat meat on Friday when I knew it was Friday?

5. HANDS (*doing or not doing*): Was I stubborn? Was I very lazy? Did I sin by not minding my parents and teachers? Did I answer back? Was I mean to anyone?

Did I quarrel and fight? Did I do anything that was bad and should make me ashamed? Did I steal anything? Did I keep anything that I should have given back? Did I break or hurt anything because I was mean or did not care?

6. FEET (*going or not going*): Did I miss Mass on Sunday through my own fault? Did I come late? Did I misbehave in church? Did I go to a church or Sunday School that was not Catholic?

Is there anything else I did that was a sin? In church? In school? At home? At play?

II. *To be heartily sorry for them,*

III. *To make up my mind to do them no more.*

Dear Jesus, I seem to see You hanging on the Cross. I know my sins have put You there. I am really sorry and do not want to sin again. Please listen to me as I slowly say my act of contrition:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they



offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

#### IN CONFESSION

##### IV. *To tell them right:*

Bless me, Father. I have sinned. My last confession was . . .

I . . . about . . . times.

I am sorry for these sins and the sins of my whole life, especially for . . .

O my God, I am heartily sorry . . .  
Thank you, Father.

#### AFTER CONFESSION

##### V. *And to say my penance:*

Dear Jesus, I want to do something to make up for my sins. Please help me to say my penance well. I am going to say it right away. . . . .

I thank you, Jesus, for having taken away my sins. Dear Holy Ghost, dear Mother of God, dear Guardian Angel, I thank you all for helping me to make a good confession.

I want to be good from now on. Please help me. Help me to keep from all sin, but especially from . . . That is the sin I am going to try most of all not to do again.

#### WHEN I GO TO HOLY COMMUNION

##### BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, I believe in Thee. O Jesus, I hope in Thee. O Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart. Come to me, dear Jesus, I want so much to receive Thee. And now, dear Jesus, let me talk to You in my own words.

I remember how happy the shepherds were. They saw You as a tiny Baby in the stable of Bethlehem.

I remember how happy Mary and Joseph were. They saw You as a little Child in their home at Nazareth.

I remember how happy those children were. They saw You and climbed right on Your lap.

But how much happier should I be, dear Jesus! You are coming right into my heart!



Holy Mary, you never had a sin on your soul. How I wish I had a soul like yours! How much nicer it would be when Jesus comes to me.

Dear Jesus, I am sorry for all my sins. I am not good enough for You to come to me.

My good Guardian Angel, help me to be as good as I can. Holy Mary, pray for me. Be with me when Jesus comes.

O Jesus, I believe in Thee. O Jesus, I hope in Thee. O Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart. Come to me, dear Jesus. I want so much to receive Thee.

#### AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, I believe in Thee. O Jesus, I hope in Thee. O Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart. I thank Thee for having come to me. Welcome, my dearest Friend!

You are the same dear Jesus Who was born in the stable at Bethlehem. You are the same dear Jesus Who loved Mary and Joseph and helped them all You could. You are the same dear Jesus Who loved little children and let them come to You. You.

are the same dear Jesus Who gave Holy Communion to the Apostles at the Last Supper. You are the same dear Jesus Who died for us all on the Cross. And now You have come to me! O, how can I thank You!

O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament divine!

All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

Dear Jesus, You even said that I could ask You for anything I want. I now ask You to help my mother and father, my brothers and sisters, our priests and teachers, and everyone. Help also the poor souls in purgatory, and take them to heaven.

Holy Mary, you are the Mother of Jesus. You so often held Him in your arms. He is now in my heart. You know what to do and what to say. Come, be with me while He is here. Adore Him, love Him, and thank Him for me.

Dear Mother, Jesus wants me to be good. Please help me. Help me to say my prayers every day. Help me to do what I am told. Help me to be always kind, honest, and



truthful. Keep me from all sin. Keep me good until Jesus comes again.

### PRAYER TO JESUS CRUCIFIED

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; and while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, and calling to mind the words



which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet; they have numbered all my bones."

*(One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, for our Holy Father the Pope.)*